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Organization

The African Union, established as a unique Pan African continental body, charged with spearheading Africa's rapid integration and sustainable development by promoting unity, solidarity, cohesion and cooperation among the peoples of Africa and African States as well as developing a new partnership worldwide. Its Headquarters is located in Addis Ababa, capital city of Ethiopia. In seeking to achieve these objectives, the African Union intends to strengthen its capacity to deliver by, among others, the implementation of new organization structure and the filling of regular and short-term vacant posts.

The Commission of the African Union invites applicants who are citizens of Member States for the short-term post of Senior Project Officer- Research and Drug Epidemiology, in the department of Social Affairs of the African Union Commission.

Department

Job title: Senior Project Officer- Research and Drug Epidemiology

Post level: P3

Duty Station: (Addis Ababa, Ethiopia) Department of Social Affairs

Supervisor: Head of Division, Social Welfare, Vulnerable Groups and Drug Control

Number of posts : 1

Project

1. JOB PURPOSE

The incumbent will design, oversee and coordinate the implementation of the African Union project on the

establishment of national and regional drug use epidemiology networks/observatories

Tasks

2. Major duties and responsibilities:

- Provide technical and practical guidance to countries and communities in all aspects of drug epidemiology in order to address emerging and changing problems associated with drug use and drug trafficking.
- Develop and maintain standard operating procedures for scanning, analysis, source verification, and reporting activities
- Carry out assessment missions to selected Member States to review existing and potential information sources.
- Provide training to national focal points on the design, management and evaluation of protocols and questionnaires, sample selection and analysis.
- Support the organization of network meetings and consultations, including training of focal points and network members on the interrogation of data and the collation of national reports with policy indicators and gaps for further investigation or research.
- Participate in research activities, interpret results and prepare technical reports and scientific articles.
- Prepare annual continental reports on the prevalence, trends, and patterns of drug use, drug trafficking related issues.
- Perform any other duties as assigned from time to time;

Requirements

3. Educational qualifications and Experience Required

Educational Qualifications:

A Master's degree in addiction science, psychology, public health, social sciences or in another relevant field majoring in statistics, is required.

Work Experience:

Preferably a minimum of seven (7) years of relevant and practical experience in drug and substance use epidemiology, research and statistical and analytical reporting. Experience in working with regional, continental or similar international organizations in developing countries will be an added advantage.

OR

Bachelor's University degree in addiction science, psychology, public health, social sciences, or any related field majoring in statistics.

Work Experience:

Preferably a minimum of ten (10) years of relevant and practical experience in drug and substance use epidemiology, research and statistical and analytical reporting. Experience in working with regional, continental or similar international organizations in developing countries will be an added advantage.

4. Key Competencies and Relevant skills:

Functional Competencies

- Extensive experience of statistical analysis, interpretation, and reporting.
- Knowledge of quality assurance methods for data collection and analysis.
- Ability to write technical and non-technical information material.
- Demonstrated skills in leadership, diplomacy, collaboration, and interpersonal communication.
- Excellent computer skills

Personal Competencies

- Ability to work collaboratively on a multi-disciplinary team.
- Ability to work with sensitive data and information in an ethical, confidential, and trustworthy manner.

Knowledge Competencies

- Knowledge and understanding of theories, concepts and approaches relevant to drugs, crime and related health and security issues.
- Knowledge of current drug and substance use epidemiological developments and techniques.
- Strong knowledge and understanding in establishment and management of drug and substance use epidemiology networks.
- Evidence of professional capacity and skills in the distillation, interpretation, and verification of unstructured scientific and popular data.

5. Language Requirement:

Applicants must be proficient in one of the African Union working languages. Knowledge of one more or several other working languages would be an added advantage.

6. Tenure of Appointment:

The appointment will be made on fixed term contract for a period of one (1) year, of which the first three months will be considered as a probationary period. Thereafter, the contract will be renewable for a similar duration subject to satisfactory performance and availability of funds

7. Gender Mainstreaming:

The AU Commission is an equal opportunity employer and qualified women are strongly encouraged to apply.

8. Remuneration:

Indicative basic salary for this position is a lump sum amount of US\$ 96,921.34 per annum including all allowances for internationally recruited staff of the commission and US\$ 78,461.08 for locally recruited staff of the Commission.

How to Apply

Applications must be made through the AUC E-recruitment website
<http://www.aucareers.org> not later than 8th September 2018.

Applications are pre-screened by the system according to the published requirements of the job opening on the

basis of the information provided in the application. In relation to the requirements of the job opening, applicants must provide complete and accurate information pertaining to their qualifications, including their education, work experience, and language skills. Each applicant must bear in mind that submission of incomplete or inaccurate applications may render that applicant ineligible for consideration for the job opening. Initial screening and evaluation of applications will be conducted on the basis of the information submitted. Applications cannot be amended following submission. Candidates under serious consideration for selection will be subject to a reference-checking process to verify the information provided in the application.

Directorate of Administration and Human Resource Management
African Union Commission

Contract Type

Fixed Term Contract

Employment Fraction

Full-time

Branch

Headquarters