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Organization

The African Union, established as a unique Pan African continental body, is 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 this objective, the African Union intends to strengthen its capacity to deliver by, among others, the implementation of its organizational structure and the filling of all vacant posts.

The Commission of the African Union invites applicants who are citizens of Member States for a position of Communication Officer- CARMMA in the Department for Social Affairs.

Department

Job Title: COMMUNICATION OFFICER EXPERT- CARMMA

Grade: P3

Immediate Supervisor: Head of Division (Health, Nutrition and Population)

Department: Social Affairs

Division: Health, Nutrition and Population

Duty Station: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Number of Positions: 1

Project

To provide technical support to the Health, Nutrition and Population Division. In May 2009, the AU launched the Campaign on Accelerated Reduction of Maternal Mortality in Africa (CARMMA) whose main objective is to accelerate the availability and use of universally accessible quality health services including those related to sexual and reproductive health. In order to enhance implementation of the CARMMA, the Department of Social Affairs of the AUC is recruiting a Communications Expert.

Tasks

Under the direct supervision of the Director of Social Affairs and in close collaboration with the Head of Division for Health, Population and Nutrition, the Communication Officer- CARMMA shall perform the following:

- Assist in communication and advocacy activities related to Maputo PoA and CARMMA.
- Implementing CARMMA's Communication and resource mobilization strategy;
- Assisting in maintaining and strengthening partnership at national, regional and global levels;
- Establish and maintain communication channels with regional and continental media and a regularly update information centre (e.g. website or other) on progress;
- Ensure periodic information-sharing on the status of maternal health in Africa, including promoting exchange of experience and best practices;
- Develop Communication and Advocacy Materials for other Health Programmes of the Department
- Produce quarterly progress reports and work plans
- Outline a communication mechanism established with regional and continental media
- Produce a final report on the impact of advocacy efforts for CARMMA
- Carryout other related duties as may be assigned

Requirements

1. Qualifications and Experience Requirements:

- A Master's Degree in Mass Communications, Journalism, Public Relations or related field
- Demonstrated experience in public and external relations and/or social development with an ability to advocate and communicate persuasively to stakeholders and audiences.
- The candidate is expected to demonstrate solid background knowledge and experience in African development issues, particularly those related to health;
- A minimum of Seven (7) years of experience of which 3 years was at a supervisory level in Public Health policy related work with focus on Public Health in either/or both at national and international level. Knowledge and experience of the AU or UN systems is an added advantage.

OR

- A Bachelor's Degree in Mass Communications, Journalism, Public Relations or related field
- Demonstrated experience in public and external relations and/or social development with an ability to advocate and communicate persuasively to stakeholders and audiences.
- The candidate is expected to demonstrate solid background knowledge and experience in African development issues, particularly those related to health;
- A minimum of ten (10) years of experience of which 5 years was at a supervisory level in Public Health policy related work with focus on Public Health in either/or both at national and international level. Knowledge and experience of the AU or UN systems is an added advantage.

2. Skills and Competencies Requirements:

Functional Skills

- Excellent drafting and reporting skills;
- Good communication and negotiating skills;
- Good organizational skills.

- Excellent Computer and IT skills;
- Excellent and proven communications skills;
- Excellent knowledge of English – good working knowledge of French would be an asset;

Personal Abilities

- Excellent interpersonal skills,
- Ability to work autonomously and in a multi-cultural environment;
- Ability to establish and maintain partnerships
- Good analytical and organizational skills

Knowledge and Understanding

- Working knowledge of policy analysis
- Experience in programme/project development, implementation and monitoring;
- Proven knowledge and experience in communication.

3. 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.

4. Tenure of Appointment:

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

5. Least Representative Countries:

Candidates from the following least represented countries are encouraged to apply: Eritrea, Central African Republic, Cape Verde, Comoros, Congo (DRC), Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Liberia, Mauritania, Namibia, Sahrawi Arab Republic, Madagascar, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles and Somalia.

6. Gender Mainstreaming:

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

7. Remuneration:

Indicative lump sum salary of US\$ 96,921.34 (P3, Step 5) per annum for internationally recruited staff of the Commission, and US\$78,461.28 for locally recruited staff.

How to Apply

All applications must reach the African Union Commission no later than 29 September 2018. through the AU Commission's website: <http://www.aucareers.org>.

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 Resources Management
African Union Commission
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Contract Type

Fixed Term Contract

Employment Fraction

Full-time

Branch

Headquarters