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AU Peace and Security Liaison Officer

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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 at Addis Ababa, capital city of Ethiopia.

Department

Job title: AU Peace and Security Liaison Officer

Grade: P5 step 5

Department: Peace and Security

Duty station: SADC, Gaborone, Botswana

Reports to: Head, Liaison Office

Tasks

Under the guidance and supervision of the Director of Peace and Security, you will be responsible for the following duties:-

- To assume overall responsibility of the management and operations of the AU Liaison Office in SADC;
- Keep the AU Commission fully and continuously informed of the activities of SADC in the area of peace and security and facilitate the regular exchange of information between the AU and SADC as may be relevant, including the state of peace and security in the SADC region, and efforts towards the promotion of peace, security and stability;
- Attend meetings of the peace and security organs within SADC and other relevant meetings within the

SADC region, and provide up-to-date information on matters of interest to the AU, with a view to strengthening cooperation and coordination and making it possible for the AU and SADC to adopt common positions and joint actions on peace and security situations in the region;

- Attend intergovernmental meetings organized by the relevant SADC departments, particularly on issues relating to peace and security;
- Establish formal and informal relations with all departments within SADC, particularly the Directorate of the Organ on Politics Defense and Security, which has a substantive role in conflict prevention and resolution, and Departments that deal with economic matters, in so far as their activities are relevant to regional integration;
- Act as a point of contact between the AU and SADC on all matters of peace and security as well as other AU peace efforts as may be deemed appropriate and initiate reports and statements for the Policy Organs of the AU and the leadership of the Commission;
- Follow-up on political developments in the SADC region, with particular emphasis on early warning signals from the region and the Continental Early Warning System within the Commission;
- undertake annual assessment of the impact of all decisions by the Peace and Security Council on AU Member States in the SADC Region; and
- Perform any other duties as may be assigned from time to time.

Requirements

1. Qualifications required

The incumbent should have:

- A Master's degree (with 10 years relevant experience) in Political Science, International Relations, International Law and Conflict Prevention and Resolution, working in, Research Centers/Institutes', UN or UN Agencies or lecturing at a University in Political Science, International Law or undertaking research in Political Science;
- Must have excellent presentation and drafting skills and excellent knowledge of current political, social and economic developments in Africa and the World;
- Must have the ability to work with a team of professional staff and capacity for creativity and initiative as well as capacity to conduct strategic analysis, reports/briefs under pressure;

2. Competencies and Skills

The incumbent must have a demonstrated ability to work within a small field office in difficult circumstances, take initiative and be a team player. He/she must be computer literate and versed in the use of computer applications including word processing, spreadsheet and presentation software. He/she must be fluent in one of the AU working languages, preferably French. He/she must have excellent writing and report drafting and good interpersonal skills; ability to establish and maintain effective working relations with people of different national and cultural backgrounds with sensitivity and respect for diversity.

3. LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT:

Proficiency in one of the African Union working languages. Proficiency of one or several other working language (s) would be an added advantage.

4. Tenure of Appointment:

The appointment will be made on a fixed term contract for a period of one year, of which the first three months will be considered as a probationary period.

5. Gender Mainstreaming:

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

6. Remuneration:

The salary attached to the position is an annual lump-sum of US\$ 108,863.78 inclusive of all allowances for internationally recruited staff, and US\$ 97,258.54 inclusive of all allowances for locally recruited staff

Applications must be made through the AUC E-recruitment Website <http://www.aucareers.org> not later than 3 February 2017.

Directorate of Administration and Human Resource Management
African Union Commission.

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.

Contract Type

Short Term

Employment Fraction

Full-time

Branch

AU Liaison Office in SADC