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SENIOR POLITICAL OFFICER (CAR)

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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: SENIOR POLITICAL OFFICER (CAR)
Grade: P3 step 5
Department: Peace and Security
Duty station: AU Liaison Office in CAR (Central African Rep, Central African) Republic
Reports to: Head, Liaison Office
Number of Positions: 1

Tasks

The incumbent shall be responsible for the following:

- Advise the Head of the AU Liaison Office in CAR and CMD's Senior Management on conflict management and resolution related issues in the CAR, in particular the identification of strategic entry-points for AU's intervention;

- Collecting and analyzing information on the ground from different sources, including the press;

- Maintaining up-to-date knowledge of events relating to political issues in general, and in particular as they affect the countries and thematic mandates for which the staff member is responsible;

- Keeping abreast of latest trends and developments in the area of assignment and providing inputs on pertinent issues to the Head of the AU Liaison Office in CAR, to senior officials and colleagues in missions and to AU Headquarters;

- Regularly monitoring national and district level political developments and provide daily and weekly updates to the Head of the AU Liaison Office in CAR, as well as to the AU Situation Room (Headquarters) on developments taking place;

- Producing regular reports and strategic analysis in support of the work of the Peace and Security Council (PSC) in the area of assignment, including reports focusing on implementation of PSC priorities at local level;

- Identify gaps, prioritize which gaps need to be addressed and develop and coordinate/implement strategies to address the gaps;

- Providing technical and substantive back-up in the implementation of mandates of the office;

- Maintaining contacts with governmental organizations and international organizations on coordination and policy matters;

- Monitoring actions taken by intergovernmental groups, UN organizations, government and non-governmental organizations;

- Participating in fact-finding and other missions to countries within assigned area of responsibility;

- Defining work plan for area assigned in accordance with established terms of reference;

- Performing any other duty assigned to him/her by the Head of the AU Liaison Office in CAR.

Requirements

1. Qualifications required

The incumbent should have:

- A Master's degree (with 7 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 (particularly Central 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. Language Requirement:

Proficiency in one of the African Union working languages, proficiency of two or more in other of one or several other working language(s) would be an added value.

3. Tenure of Appointment:

The appointment will be made on a fixed term contract for a period of One years, of with three month will be considered as a probationary period. Thereafter, the contract will be renewable, subject to satisfactory performance, deliverables and funding availability.

4. Gender Mainstreaming:

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

5. Remuneration:

The salary attached to the position is a fixed annual lump sum of US$ 87,210.07 (P3 Step 5) inclusive of all allowances for internationally recruited staff and US$ 73,346.03 inclusive of all allowances for locally recruited staff.

How to Apply Applications must be made through the AUC E-recruitment Website http://www.aucareers.org not later than 22 April 2017.

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 Offices – Central African Rep