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Job opportunities

Date: Friday December 20, 2024

Department: Africa CDC Headquarters

Duty Station: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Application deadline: Friday January 3, 2025

Background:

The African Field Epidemiology Network (AFENET) is a non-profit organization established in 2005 with a mission to improve human health through the strengthening and expansion of applied epidemiology and laboratory capacity in partnership with Ministries of Health, Non-Governmental Organizations, international agencies, private sector and other public health agencies. AFENET has its headquarters in Kampala, Uganda with operations in more than 30 African Countries.

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.

The Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) was officially launched in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on January 31, 2017. Africa CDC is Africa's first continent-wide public health agency and envisions a safer, healthier, integrated and stronger Africa, where Member States are capable of effectively responding to outbreaks of infectious diseases and other public health threats. The agency's mission is to strengthen Africa's public health institutions' capabilities to detect and respond quickly and effectively to disease outbreaks and other health burdens through an integrated network of continent-wide preparedness and response, surveillance, laboratory, and research programmes.



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Africa CDC has been at the forefront of the continent’s fight against the pandemic. The agency has set a goal to vaccinate 60 percent of the continent’s population before the end of 2024. To achieve this ambitious and critical goal, the Africa CDC and the Mastercard Foundation are launching “Saving Lives and Livelihoods,” “partnership for COVID-19 Vaccination in Africa.”

The planned

Saving Lives and Livelihoods partnership is a unique initiative due to its scope and scale, the critical topics it focuses on, as well as the way it will be governed.

Africa CDC now invites applicants who are citizens of African Union Member States to apply for the positions of **Principal Technical Officer – One Health and Technical Officer- Food Security** for the One Health Unit Food Safety Program funded by the Team Europe Initiative, AFD.

1. Post

Job title: Technical Officer – Food Safety
Number of posts: 1 (one)
Division: Surveillance and Disease Intelligence
Supervisor: Head of One Health at Africa CDC
Duty Station: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Job Purpose

The Technical Officer will be responsible for supporting the One Health Unit Food Safety Program, specifically the implementation of the Food Safety Program priorities and contributing to the collaborative implementation of Food Safety programs and policies within the continent.

The Technical Officer will support the program through the facilitation of policy dialogue and provision of technical assistance to Member States in the areas of food safety policy and legal frameworks, risk-based food inspection and enforcement, food safety communications and education; food safety incident and emergency response; and food safety information underpinning evidence.

Main Duties and Responsibilities:

The Technical Officer – Food Safety shall:

- Leads the implementation of the strategic priorities for the food safety program at the continental and country levels and identifies innovative approaches to mitigate food safety risks.
- Provides policy advice and technical support to Member States to strengthen national food safety systems as comprehensive and well-coordinated entities.
- Monitors and evaluates progress on strengthening food safety in the continent.
- Provides technical assistance and liaises with relevant stakeholders on the investigation and response to food safety incidents and emergencies.
- Manages, coordinates, and oversees the work of the Africa CDC food safety program.
- Coordinate multisectoral interventions at the national, regional, and continental levels.
- Facilitate collaboration and coordination with relevant technical agencies, development partners and other stakeholders in joint efforts to strengthen food safety in the continent
- Work closely with the technical programs of the One Health Unit.
- Serve as the technical focal point for the Food Safety Program and support the implementation of the program's strategies within the AU Member States.
- Write and submit reports in an accurate and timely manner.
- Supports data collection, analysis and knowledge generation including regular reports and policy briefs, scientific articles and other products.
- Performs other related duties as assigned by the supervisor.

Qualifications and Experience

- A bachelor's degree in Public Health, food safety, food science, agriculture, veterinary science, or related area from a recognized university with a minimum of 5 years of practical experience in One Health or a related field.
- OR a master's degree in public health, food safety, food science, agriculture, veterinary science, or related area from a recognized university with a minimum of 2 years of relevant experience.
- Experience in strategic planning, food safety system strengthening in low resource settings, policy development and food safety incidents and emergency response.

Desirable

- Experience in supporting One Health, public health, Veterinary and environment public health or other public sector projects and programmes under government ministries and external donors.
- Experience supporting One Health within AU Member States or other public sector projects and programs under government ministries and external donors.
- Experience in working with the African Union or its organs, United Nations counterparts or development partners at continental level.
- Demonstrable experience and in-depth knowledge of operations of the Africa CDC, Regional Collaborating Centres.

Competencies

- Good knowledge of the key functions, structures and dynamics of Food Safety Programs in Africa.
- Approaches for strengthening food safety systems in a stepwise manner in an AU Member States setting
- Skills in facilitating policy dialogue, producing results and working across programs to improve food safety.
- Technical and managerial competence in national and international food safety programs.
- Ability to work harmoniously as a team member, adapt to diverse cultural and educational backgrounds and maintain a high standard of personal conduct.

Language Requirement

Proficiency in one of the African Union working languages (Arabic, English, French, Spanish, Kiswahili and Portuguese) is required. Knowledge of one or several other working languages would be an added advantage.

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 will be considered as a probationary period. Thereafter, the contract will be renewed annually subject to satisfactory performance and fund availability.

Gender Mainstreaming

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



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Remuneration

Indicative basic salary of US\$ 35,044.83 (AU P2 Step 5) per annum plus other related entitlements e.g. Post adjustment of US\$ 16,120.62 (46% of basic salary per annum), Housing allowance of US\$22,932 per annum, thus a total of US\$74,097.45 per annum plus Gratuity of 15% of Gross salary per annum.

How to apply: Submit your resume, application letter, and relevant documentation to:

- The Administration & Human Resource Office
- African Field Epidemiology Network (AFENET)
- <https://recruitment.afenet.net> and a copy on Email: sec@afenet.net

*ONLY successful candidates shall be contacted for an interview.

Please note that all applications should be sent online by close of business 5:30 pm (EAT) Friday January 3, 2025.

Note: More details about this position can be obtained from our website: www.afenet.net