

Vacancy announcement

Position title : OIE DEPUTY REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR AFRICA

Salary: 3 000 Euros/month + benefits (VAT, revenue and import tax exemption for non-Malians citizens)

Duration: 24 months, renewable.

Responsibilities :

Under the supervision of the OIE Director General and the OIE Regional Representative (RR) for Africa, the incumbent will be responsible for the following :

- Assist the Regional Representative in the managerial, financial, technical and diplomatic operation of the Regional Representation for Africa and liaise with the OIE headquarters.
- Assist the Regional Representative in the managerial and technical supervision of the *Regional Animal Health Center* (RAHC), in close collaboration with regional managers / representatives from FAO and AU-IBAR.
- Maintain close working relations with OIE Sub-regional Representations in Africa (SRR), technical assistant in RR and SRR and all stakeholders, including but not limited to:- The Government of Mali, FAO, WHO, AU-IBAR and RECs.
- Work towards the implementation at regional level of the mandate of the OIE, i.e. with respect to (1) transparency in the animal disease situation, (2) dissemination of scientific information, (3) the quality of veterinary services, (4) international trade standards for animals and animal products, (5) international solidarity and (6) food safety and animal welfare.
- Assist, on request, Veterinary Services (VS) of African Member States in the compliance with OIE international standards (based on the Codes and Manuals, as well as OIE guidelines and related programmes).
- When necessary and in agreement with the Regional Representative, represent the OIE in all major relevant regional and international meetings, seminars and conferences, dealing with issues of trade in animals or animal products and/or animal health and welfare, including in wildlife and aquatic animals.
- Contribute to the implementation at regional level of the various OIE capacity-building programmes, supported by the donor community, and organise or support training activities targeting the Veterinary Services, Veterinary Statutory Bodies (VSB), Veterinary Educational Establishment (VEE), Veterinary Laboratories, and in particular OIE Delegates and focal points.
- Coordinate and contribute to the development and implementation of activities under the *Regional Animal Health Center*, targeting major endemic or epizootic trans-boundary animal diseases (TADs) affecting the region, and in particular assist the Regional Representative to manage the Permanent Secretariat of the Regional Steering Committee of GF-TADs for Africa.
- Promote the scientific influence of OIE in the Africa region, in accordance with the OIE Fifth Strategic Plan.
- Promote the visibility of the OIE as an independent, scientific and highly professional center of excellence throughout the Africa region.
- Carrying out any cognate duties.

In addition, the Director General or the Regional Representative may, where necessary, assign to the incumbent any other duties within his or her area of competence, or request him or her to represent the Director General in designated meetings, seminars, conferences or other types of public fora (including the media).

Qualifications and Experience:

The following qualifications are considered minimum requirements for the position and candidates should only apply if they fill all the above conditions :

- A degree in Veterinary Medicine, with a minimum of 10 years experience including at least 5 years in Veterinary Administration (public sector);
- Knowledge and experience in policy formulation on animal health and/or welfare;
- Knowledge of the OIE and other international organisations structure and protocols;
- Good communication, facilitation, analytical and diplomatic skills;
- Strong organisational and coordination skills (group logistics)
- Excellent command in spoken and written English and a good knowledge of French.
- Proficient in the use of usual office software (word processing, spreadsheet, internet and e-mail, presentations and simple databases)

The following qualifications are considered as desired and may provide added value to the applicant's application :

- Relevance of academic background and post-graduate degrees (or publications).
- Relevance of experience in the planning and implementation of projects and practical knowledge of UN, EC, USAID or World Bank procedures.
- Extent of managerial experience and experience in organising meetings and (training) seminars.
- Quality of both oral and written communication skills on technical issues in English.
- Extent of language skills in French
- Extent of knowledge of computer software, including database and website management and/or maintenance.

Eligibility :

- Candidates must be nationals of one of the Member Countries of the OIE Regional Commission for Africa.

Remarks :

- The post is Bamako-based (Mali) with frequent travel to the OIE member countries and occasional travel to the OIE Headquarters in Paris.

- OIE staff members are international civil servants under the authority of the Director General. They may be assigned to any activity or department of the Organisation;

- The position is full time and is available as from July 1st, 2011.

Curriculum vitae should be sent to the attention of Dr Monique Eloit, Deputy Director General of the OIE by email at m.eloit@oie.int and to Dr Yacouba Samaké, OIE Regional Representative for Africa at y.samake@oie.int before 30 April 2011.