

LIAISON OFFICER (1 Post)

To be posted at the African Union Commission, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Grade: P5
Salary: As per AU scale
Report to: The Director EASBRICOM
Organization: Eastern Africa Standby Brigade Coordination Mechanism (EASBRICOM), Nairobi, Kenya
Station: African Union Commission, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Objective:

To provide liaison between the Eastern Africa Standby Brigade Coordination Mechanism and the African Union, Department of Peace and Security, on matters of peace and Security and any other related matters as shall be determined by EASBRICOM from time to time.

Duties and Responsibilities

- a. Keep the EASBRICOM fully and continuously informed of the activities of the Peace and Security Department of the AUC as well as the Peace and Security Council and facilitate regular exchange of information between the AUC and EASBRICOM on peace and security matters.
- b. Develop close professional relationship with officials of the AU Commission, particularly the Department of Peace and Security.
- c. Attend meetings relevant to EASBRICOM at the AUC and any other meetings as shall be instructed by the Director and provide EASBRICOM with up-to-date information on all matters of interest.
- d. Undertake to be fully informed of the issues and all important decisions relating to peace and security in the Eastern Africa Region and keep the AUC informed accordingly.
- e. Act as a point of contact for the EASBRICOM with the AUC on all relevant matters and developments within the commission.
- f. Work with the AUC in the implementation of the MoU between the AUC and the Regional Economic Communities/Regional Mechanisms (RECs/RM).
- g. Perform other duties as shall be assigned by the Director.

Qualifications:

1. A first degree in Social Sciences such as Political Science, International Law, Diplomacy or Military Sciences from a reputable Institution. Additional relevant postgraduate qualifications and/or attainment of qualifications from a senior command and staff, Defence or War college will be an added advantage.
2. Minimum 10 years experience in senior governmental, International and /or coordination capacity level.
3. Certified training in International Peace Keeping and Security as well as military matters will be a strong added advantage.

4. Excellent communication skills, proven diplomatic practice and public relations.
5. Proficiency in working languages of AU, particularly English and French.
6. Thorough knowledge of policies, decision making structures and processes of EASBRIG and the AUC policy documents on peace and security as for the establishment of EASBRICOM.
7. Comprehensive understanding of the EASBRICOM mandate on peace and security issues, relationship with other regional mechanism, the African Union Peace and Security Architecture and other key international players on peace and security.
8. Hands on knowledge of computers and ICT generally with specific proficiency in report writing and presentations.

Terms and Conditions of Service.

The post is tenable on a three (3) year contract term to an ideal candidate who shall be within the age brackets of 35- 55 years of age.