

World Water Council

Job profile: Project Manager for Africa Programme

The World Water Council is initiating its Africa Programme “water, a tool for development” in partnership with several African organisations.

The first component of the programme is the preparation of a synthesis report of work which has been or is being done in Africa on the theme of “Water in a Context of Global Changes,” (i.e. relevant visioning and forward planning activities incorporating demographic changes, climate change, etc.) and the effects these changes may have on the sustainable development of Africa.

The second component comprises the development and management of a continent-wide collaborative platform to facilitate exchange of information, experiences, debate and development of innovative projects. Three topics of focus have been initially defined;

- Infrastructures and their maintenance
- Water as a means for development of all economic sectors
- Water development as an instrument in the prevention of future crises

The first steps in the Africa programme are being financed by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs. For the implementation of this Africa Programme, the World Water Council recruits a project manager with the following duties and expected qualities

Main Tasks:

- Management of programme work plan incl. budget & reporting
- Facilitation of debate and coordination of action for programme development and implementation for program components;
- Identification, development and management of partnerships with relevant African and International organisations
- Organisation, facilitation and synthesis of regional expert and partnership meetings
- Support the executive direction and council work bodies in preparation and implementation of the World Water Forum and other specific events in this context.

Requirements:

- Socio-economic-political profile with focus on water and population questions
- 10 years of relevant experience of which at least 5 years in Africa.
- Willing to be stationed for longer duration in Africa

Skills:

- capable of analysis and synthesis identifying key issues, translating them into action programmes and preparing concise synthesis and action programme reports
- active networker and providing others access to these networks; networker with excellent communication skills
- bilingual (French and English), fluent in speaking and writing
- team-player
- proficient with main office and website management software packages

The position is initially for 18 months. The working location will initially be at WWC-Headquarters in Marseilles (France) and during the development and implementation of the programme at one of the partner organizations in Africa (station to be decided in consultation).

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