



## Africa Peace Forum (APFO)

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### **VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

#### **Project Coordinator:**

#### **STRENGTHENING DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE THROUGH ICTs: POST CONFLICT RECONSTRUCTION IN KENYA**

#### **About Africa Peace Forum;**

AFRICA PEACE FORUM (APFO) was established in 1994 as a regional Peace and Security Organization based in Nairobi. APFOs areas of focus include; Conflict Analysis, Conflict Early Warning and Early Response, Training in Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution and Conflict Sensitive Approaches to development, Peace/Conflict Research, Positively influencing Peace and Security Policies in the Horn of Africa, Supporting Community and Traditional Peace Building Processes, Democratic Governance, and Campaign Against Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons (SAWLs)

#### **Project Description:**

The broad array of reforms suggested under the Kenya National Dialogue and Reconciliation (KNDR) agreement are so central to Kenya's future stability and peace that if they are not implemented, it is possible that the country will experience another violent conflict and possibly fragment the country further. There is need then to begin putting pressure on the coalition government to implement the critical reforms identified under the KNDR process. Secondly, there is the need to form a coalition of 'reform demand groups' that will create a momentum of reforms by ordinary citizens so that citizens can own the reforms and therefore hold the government accountable. ICTs have a meaningful role to play in facilitating these interactions to sustain momentum for reforms. APFO is initiating the aforementioned project which will include utilization of a wide range of ICTs to promote governance in the context of the post-2007 election violence and reforms agreed upon through the mediation process. The project in particular seeks to use ICT to enable citizens to create and sustain demand and pressure for reforms on their own and at the same time enable them to hold the government accountable. Relatedly, the project aims at creating ICT-based mechanisms through which the government can interact with citizens to receive feedback on its reform efforts.

**Africa Peace Forum** hereby calls for applications from interested individuals to fill the position of a **Project Coordinator** to oversee the implementation of the above named project for a period of **12 months**.

**Key Responsibilities;**

Reporting to the Director of Programmes, the main responsibility of the Project Coordinator will be to give direction to the implementation of the project in close liaison with the project reference group composed of a team from, APFO, IDRC-Canada and experts from other institutions involved in the implementation. The Project coordinator will;

- Work with a team of researchers to ensure that project objectives are achieved through task allocation and coordinating the implementation of the research activities in an efficient and timely fashion;
- Take the lead, initiate and maintain a vibrant online interactive platform that would facilitate equitable citizen engagement in reform discourses;
- Ensure the timely synthesis of citizen views on reform issues and the channeling of the same to various reform structures to inform and influence decision-making
- Supervise the Project Implementation team at APFO and the team of consulting Researchers
- Convene stakeholders for briefing sessions
- Prepare Periodic Project Reports
- Support the development of the project monitoring, evaluation, reporting and learning framework and lead its implementation;
- Liaise with partners to ensure their active and effective participation in the implementation including exploration of co-funding with other development partners;
- Establish and maintain strong linkages with potential beneficiaries of the project including the media, citizens and peace and governance stakeholders in the country to facilitate open dialogue.
- Lead the project publicity process
- Convene Round tables with policy makers
- Ensure compliance of the implementation process with policy and system requirements at APFO.

**Qualifications;**

Applicants must have the following qualifications;

- Advanced Degree in Social sciences preferably in the area of governance, conflict studies and ICTs for Development with strong research skills
- Proven Practical Skills and Knowledge in Social Research and Project Management including Monitoring and evaluation
- Proven strong skills in Academic, Analytical Writing, Presentation and Reporting
- Knowledge on Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) and a conceptual understanding of how they relate to issues of governance
- Precise understanding of Democratic Governance Issues in Kenya and the Agenda 4 Items adopted during the Inter-Party 2008 Post Elections Negotiations in Kenya
- Advanced level in English and Kiswahili

- Practical Computer Skills including using the Microsoft Office Package and Web 2.0 tools

**Possession of the following will be an added advantage;**

- Knowledge in Social Mobilization
- Practical experience in leading Policy Dialogue

Applicants should send their CVs and Cover Letters (preferably by email) to;

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**Deadline for receipt of applications is on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> of March 2010 at EXACTLY 5pm.**

**Only short listed candidates will be contacted.**