



Call for Policy Facilitator



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The Wellcome Trust funded consortium Afrique One-ASPIRE (African Science Partnership for Intervention Research Excellence) is seeking to appoint a Policy Facilitator to support its research-to-policy translation in the subject area of ecosystem, zoonoses and population health.

Afrique One-ASPIRE is a consortium developing research within the One Health framework, targeting zoonotic and emerging diseases and taking into account human, animal and environmental components to identify integrated solutions for disease elimination and control. The consortium comprises nine core institutes in East and West Africa. Further details of the consortium can be found at www.afriqueoneaspire.net.

The Policy Facilitator will be the interface between the consortium, policy-makers and policy-implementing agencies. Its major task consists of supporting the consortium in translating research outcomes into policy and to liaise with stakeholders who put policy into practice.

The position will be based at the Centre Suisse de Recherches Scientifiques in Côte d'Ivoire but it is anticipated that the Facilitator will visit other institutes within the consortium to work with the different thematic research groups on research-to-policy translation, network with regional stakeholders in the health sector and represent the consortium at sub-regional and global policy-relevant events.

Responsibilities

- Build close relationships with policy-makers (governments, international organizations, etc.)
- Identify stakeholders interested in the consortium's research outcomes
- Organize meetings and consultations with stakeholders to progress the One Health approach into practice
- Develop a strategy to effectively communicate research outcomes to policy-makers
- Synthesize research outcomes and provide advice to policy-makers and the public
- Facilitate the development of intervention tools, such as standard operational procedures for surveillance and control or disease elimination
- Make sure that the policy-oriented goals of the program are adequately reflected in research proposals
- Identify training needs in policy-oriented research
- Contribute training modules on policy development
- Participate in raising funds for intervention research

Requirements

- A PhD in social / biological/One Health sciences (disease research would be an additional advantage)
- Demonstrated ability in evidence-based policy-making
- Excellent networking capacity at international / regional level
- Proficient in English and French
- Strong general communication skills
- Experience in intervention research would be an advantage

The Policy Facilitator will be based at one of our training hubs, either at CSRS in Côte d'Ivoire or at NM-AIST in Tanzania.

The position is funded for 3-4 years, part time is possible. The salary is competitive with the market rate and commensurate with the seniority of the appointment.

Intended start date: immediately

Deadline for applications: 15th July 2017

For more information, please contact the Programme Manager, Dr. des. Kathrin Heitz-Tokpa (kathrin.heizt-tokpa@csrs.ci).

Application documents

- Fill in the application form: <https://afriqueoneaspire.typeform.com/to/WNxYvJ>
- Send the following files to kathrin.heizt-tokpa@csrs.ci by 15th July 2017:
 - CV including your work experience and a list of publications
 - Application letter describing your interest in the Afrique One-ASPIRE programme including why you are the ideal person for the position (max. 2 pages)

Candidates that are selected for the next stage will be invited for an interview at Afrique One-ASPIRE institutions in their respective countries or where most convenient.