

InterAfrica Group

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Date: August 26, 2011

Background

As an Integral part of the Inter Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD) Peace and Security Division, the Conflict Early Warning and Response Mechanism (CEWARN) was officially established in June 2003 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia following the signing of the CEWARN Protocol ¹in July 2002 by member countries of IGAD. CEWARN's core mandate is to receive and share information concerning violent conflicts as well as their outbreak and escalation in the IGAD region, undertake analysis of the information and formulate options for early response.

With a consensus of the Member States to initially start monitoring cross-border pastoral conflicts and with a view to expand to other conflict in subsequent years, CEWARN was given the responsibility to implement a pilot early warning and conflict prevention mechanism targeting the Karamoja , Somali and Dikhil clusters in the cross-border areas of the IGAD sub-region.

Ethiopia began implementing the CEWARN mechanism in July 2003 and the Ethiopian Conflict Early Warning and Early Response Unit (CEWERU) has been functional both at the national and local/woreda levels since then. At the national level the CEWERU unit has been set up in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and is primarily represented by the CEWERU Head as the "focal point". The National Steering Committee is composed of government institutions and civil society representatives. The Ministry of Federal Affairs also serves as the secretariat of the CEWERU. At the local level it is represented by the LPC's (Local Peace Committees) in the Ethiopian side of the Somali and Karamoja clusters and constitutes wereda (district) administration, police and defense forces, field monitors, pastoral elders, youth and women.

The National Research Institute (NRI) - the Inter Africa Group (IAG) - which is also part of the CEWARN Mechanism and employs the Country Coordinators and Field Monitors is primarily responsible for establishing the information collection network as well as information gathering, analysis and dissemination of early warning reports to the relevant institutions for action. The NRI has also additional responsibilities of supporting the response units of Ethiopia

¹ Protocol on the Establishment of Conflict Early Warning and Response Mechanism for IGAD Member States, First Edition, 2002

InterAfrica Group (IAG) has an opening for the position *Assistant Country Coordinator* and would like to invite qualified & interested candidates to apply

Responsibilities:

The Assistant Country Coordinator is responsible for:

- Assisting the Country Coordinator in ensuring the proper functioning of the Early Warning mechanism on the Ethiopian side
- Ensuring regular reporting of Early Warning data and reports from Area of Reporting (AORs)
- Inputting field data into CEWARN Reporter (EW software) on regular basis
- Quality control of field data
- Traveling to CEWARN Areas of Reporting on regular basis
- Collecting structural and supplementary data from various sources
- Analyzing and producing Early Warning reports on regular basis
- Documenting success stories from AORS
- Providing support to the Ethiopian CEWERU
- Liaising with CEWERU structures at the Federal and local levels
- Perform other duties as requested/required

Requirements:

- Applicants must have MA in political science, international relation, conflict studies, sociology, resource management or any other related disciplines
- 2-3 years of experience in conflict prevention and peace building preferably in pastoral areas
- Knowledge of pastoral areas and pastoralist related issues
- Proven skills in supervision and effectiveness in time management and setting priorities
- Proven ability to write reports and ability to work independently and as a team
- Proven experience to travel to field sites and work in harsh circumstances
- Knowledge of local language is an asset

Duty station: Addis Ababa

Remuneration: Gross salary of equivalent of 700 USD in Birr per month

Length of Employment: One year renewable

Interested applicants should send in soft copies not-returnable application letter with CV and copies of supporting documents until September 7, 2011 to: **(extended until September 26, 2011)**

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Attn: Bizusew/Teemt

We strongly encourage qualified women to apply. Only short listed candidates who fulfill the requirements will be contacted.