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The Africa-Europe Foundation brings together diverse stakeholders from across different boundaries to catalyse cooperation, transform dialogue into action and reimagine the partnership between the societies and economies of the neighbouring continents. The Foundation is comprised of some of the world's most influential personalities and acts as a network of networks in strengthening the capacity of Africa and Europe to respond to a range of common challenges. Investment in a generation is central to our mission through empowering youth voice and leadership across critical sectors of cooperation.

In order to manage the expected growth of the Foundation's multi-annual programming, at a critical time for rethinking the partnership between Africa and Europe, we are seeking to recruit an experienced development and international relations professional as our 'Senior Fellow for Ocean Governance and Blue Economy'.

This is a senior leadership role as part of the technical team of the Africa-Europe Foundation (AEF). It represents a unique opportunity for a dynamic professional who shares our values and is passionate about contributing to revising the partnership between Africa and Europe. The Senior Fellow for Ocean Governance and Blue Economy will report to the AEF Executive Director, and work closely with the Project Team, including the Senior Programme Manager and Programme Manager.

Job Description

Purpose of the role:

This is a new and strategic role reflecting the development and programming priorities of the Africa-Europe Foundation. Its core purpose is to lead the delivery of a new workstream as conceived under the European Commission funded project "Africa-EU Task Force on Ocean Governance" which aims at establishing an Africa Europe Strategy Group on Ocean Governance. This is a senior part time role with strategic responsibilities as a member of the technical leadership team contributing to the overall development of the Africa-Europe Foundation.

Project Leadership:

- **Act as a project 'Team Leader'** on the European Commission-funded project "Africa-EU Task Force on Ocean Governance (AETFOOG)", working as part of the Africa-Europe Foundation (AEF).
- **Provide strategic leadership for the thematic workstream** and the AETFOOG project, ensuring it remains relevant and attuned to the latest developments in this thematic area and across the regions and well aligned to the policy framework of AU and EU.
- **Propose and lead the execution of the project work** plans taking full ownership of the AEF's work in the thematic area of Ocean Governance, including sustainable Blue Economy.
- **Assume direct responsibility for the quality, relevance, and timely delivery of all project deliverables and required project reporting.**

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Key areas of responsibility:

- Contribute to setting-up and prepare the Strategy Group and its meetings with a focus on an action-oriented agenda for amplifying policy impact and leveraging the Africa-Europe partnership on ocean governance and blue economy.
- Facilitate and drive the content of the Strategy Group by providing technical expertise and effective facilitation during and in-between meetings, ensuring a continued dialogue with members of the Strategy Group, the identification of priority areas of focus and liaising with the European Commission on a regular basis.
- Together with Project Manager, ensure the writing of summary notes after each meeting and the emergence of clear written recommendations that will feed into the interim and final reports, addressed to political, development and financial decision-makers.
- Assume the accountability for the successful and impactful delivery of the project, including from an Outreach, Partnership, Monitoring and Evaluation perspective, working in tandem with the Project Team, the European Commission and supported by a wider team within the organisation.
- Co-manage the performance and reporting, and provide mentoring to the Project Team, in close cooperation with the Head of Programme Performance and Operations.

Technical Expertise and Strategic Outreach:

- Provide oral and written technical leadership for the thematic workstream ensuring professional rigour, quality of delivery, coherence of activities, and bi-continental relevance, contribute to external professional meetings and forums that can improve the AEF's profile and give proper visibility to the project.
- Lead, assess, evaluate and edit outcomes of research and reports, and provide guidance on where the evidence-base can be further strengthened.
- Ensure proper recognition of the EU activities in the field of ocean governance and blue economy in Africa, notably the Africa-Europe Strategy Group on Ocean Governance
- Position the AEF as a credible organisation within the field of ocean governance and blue economy and, together with AEF's Executive Director and the Senior Programme Manager in charge of the Climate Portfolio, develop affiliated partnerships, including with the EU and African institutions, as well as build new partnerships which can help secure the AEF's impact and open new sources of funding.
- Build on your existing network to maintain and develop an effective network on the thematic focus of the Strategy Group, and engage with both Africa and EU-based think-tanks, civil society networks and institutions working in the domain of ocean governance and blue economy.

Other features or requirements of the post:

- This is a part-time role representing around 120 days, contracted on a free-lance basis for an initial duration of 18 months starting in November 2022.
- The role includes key responsibilities in (1) 'Dialogue Facilitation and Strategic Research' – Work Package 1, (2) Outreach, Partnership and Monitoring and Evaluation – Work Package 2, (3) Management and Reporting – Work Package 3.
- It is estimated that 70 days should be dedicated to Dialogue Facilitation and Strategic Research; 30 days to Outreach, Partnerships and Monitoring and Evaluation; 20 days to Management and Reporting.



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How to apply:

- Interested candidates are asked to send their CV, cover letter, and a sample of latest work in English in electronic format to **andrzejda@africaeuropefoundation.org**
- Applications will be assessed on a rolling basis.
- We expect this leadership position to be operationalised by mid-November 2022