

TECHNICAL SUPPORT TO THE AFRICAN UNION COMMISSION ON WATER AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Water and Climate Change Policy Advisor: African Union Commission

Terms of Reference

REPORTS TO:	Director, Sustainable Environment and Blue Economy, Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment (DARBE), African Union Commission
Location:	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia with flexibility of working virtually as agreed with supervisor and complying with Covid restrictions
Duration:	1 January 2022 - 31 March 2023 (15 months), with possibility of extension

1. Background

The mandate of the AUC Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment (DARBE) is to: (a) Initiate, develop and promote continental policies, frameworks, and programs to contribute to agricultural transformation, rural development, blue economy, and sustainable environment in line with Agenda 2063; (ii) Coordinate implementation of continental policy frameworks and programmes; (iii) Mobilise resources and facilitate capacity building needed for implementation of various initiatives and policies; and (iv) Monitor and report on the implementation by Member States and Regional Economic Communities of policy frameworks, programmes and decisions.

The Department has two Directorates: (i) Agriculture and Rural Development Directorate with two Divisions namely: Agriculture and Food Security Division and Rural Development Division; (ii) Sustainable Environment and Blue Economy Directorate also with two Divisions: (Sustainable Environment Division which includes Water and Sanitation, as well as Climate Change; and Blue Economy Division.

Part of the mandate of the Directorate of Sustainable Environment and Blue Economy is specifically to assess the implementation of the Water Commitments and the Africa Water Vision 2025 to update AU Heads of States on how the continent is doing in this sphere.

To enhance policy coherence at the continental level on water security and climate change and to strengthen the role of water in climate resilience, disaster risk reduction, and blue economy, the African Union Commission is in the process of strengthening its coordination function on water, sanitation, and climate change. Increased policy coordination capacity is

essential for the AUC to effectively support Member States' efforts on water and climate change and prepare success frameworks to the Sharm el Sheikh Water Commitments, Water Vision 2025, and increased profile of water in the enhanced Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) to achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, SDG Agenda 2030, and AU Agenda 2063.

2. Water and Climate Change Policy Advisor:

The AUC Water and Climate Policy Advisor will support the AUC Commission to enhance its coordination function on water, sanitation, and climate change. The Advisor will support AUC partnership coordination efforts and preparations for pan Africa and global water and climate change events including 2022 World Water Forum in Dakar, Senegal, COP 27 in Egypt, and other relevant events. Specifically, the water and climate change advisor will perform the following functions:

- Support AUC Partners' Coordination Platform (PCP) on Water and Sanitation and follow up on PCP Working Groups established by PCP at its 2nd meeting on 24 May 2021
- Facilitate coordination of PCP Thematic Clusters and prepare reports of PCP Meetings.
- Develop project proposals aimed at securing support to advance the work of AUC on Water and Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)
- Support AUC in monitoring for the purposed of reporting to policy organs of the African Union on Water, Sanitation and Climate Change.
- Support AUC in enhancing collaboration with and coordinating water and sanitation related institutions in Africa including AMCOW, RECs, RBOs and partners.
- Assist AUC in the organization of continental meetings including the River and Lake Basin Organizations (RLBO) on Transboundary Water, AU Summit on Water and Sanitation
- Support AUC coordination function with AUDA-NEPAD on PIDA PAP 2 delivery transboundary water infrastructure projects including promoting the use of PIDA delivery instruments to accelerate progress and enhance mutual accountability and AfDB mandate on financing water infrastructure
- Support regular reporting of progress on water, sanitation, climate change and blue economy within AU structures
- Support AUC policy coordination function by strengthening parameters of the African Water and Sanitation Sector M&E System to gather comprehensive information for reporting to AUC policy organs in collaboration with AMCOW.
- Support AUC in ensuring visibility of water, sanitation, and climate change in AU agenda 2063 related events, as well as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
- Support AUC in preparations for the World Water Forum scheduled for Senegal in 2022 and COP 27 in Egypt
- Assist AUC in resource mobilization including enhancing access to climate finance and resources for investment in water security in Africa
- Support preparation of various reports including on the implementation of water, sanitation, and climate change frameworks and initiatives.
- Elaboration of various technical and policy documents and mainstreaming of gender into Water and Climate Change,

- Support implementation of the Commission's climate change programme including contribution to monitoring and reporting, facilitating implementation of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) by Member States,
- Supporting capacity building and exchange of lessons and knowledge among member states and Regional Economic Communities.
- Support the development of analytical tools and instruments to enhance mutual accountability processes to track water, sanitation related investments and implementation progress on the partners' commitments into concrete impact to drive transformative water investment outlook in Africa.
- Any other duties assigned by the supervisor

3. Required Skills, Academic Requirements and Relevant Experience

- Master's degree in sustainable development, water resources, climate change, environmental Sciences, or any natural resources management related fields with at least 10 years of relevant work experience working in progressively responsible positions. Phd in any of the above areas, an advantage.
- Experience working in multicultural environment at regional or an international organization dealing with relevant sub-sectors under sustainable environment issues.
- Knowledge and understanding of continental water and climate change related policies, strategies, and programmes of AU, pan African and regional water and sanitation related institutions in Africa including AUDA-NEPAD, AfdB, AMCOW, RECs, RBOs and partners.
- Proficiency in one of the AU working languages (English, French, Arabic and Portuguese) is a must. Knowledge of one or all the other working languages would be an added advantage.
- Computer skills, including internet navigation, experience with the Microsoft Suite of programs, and an ability to acquire web editing skills, use of spread sheets Proven ability to work as part of a team.

APPLICATIONS

- Only short-listed candidates will be contacted within 4-6 weeks after the application deadline.
- Applications are accepted in English only and through the online application system and not via email: <https://gwpsanpc.bamboohr.com/jobs/view.php?id=58>
- Strictly 2-page CV maximum and 1-page cover letter a must.
- Women candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.
- Questions can be directed to francina.phakamea@gwpsaf.org

Deadline: 10 December 2021 – 00:00 (midnight) Pretoria