

## Global Water Partnership Eastern Africa

### Development Communications Officer

#### Regional Recruitment

**JOB TITLE:** Development Communications Officer  
**REPORTS TO:** GWPEA Regional Coordinator  
**TEAM MEMBERS:** National Regional Secretariat staff  
**EXTENDED TEAM MEMBERS:** GWPO, GWP RWPs, GWPEA Host and Countries Water Partnerships  
**LOCATION:** Entebbe, Uganda (Regional Secretariat)

#### BACKGROUND

The Global Water Partnership (GWP) is a worldwide network which has since 1996 successfully supported countries in their efforts to implement a more equitable and sustainable management of water resources. GWP comprises 3,000+ partner organizations in over 180 countries. Our network of 65+ Country Water Partnerships and 13 Regional Water Partnerships convenes and brokers coordinated action by government and non-government actors. A long-time advocate for integrated water resources management, GWP draws on implementation experience at the local level and link it across our Network and to global development agendas. For more information, visit <https://gwp.org> and <https://gwp.org/en/GWP-Eastern-Africa/>.

GWP Eastern Africa was constituted in 2003 by stakeholders to support the sustainable development and management of water resources at all levels in the region. GWP Eastern Africa is currently composed of nine Country Water Partnerships (*Burundi, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Somalia, Sudan and Uganda*) and counts over 200 partners operating in these Countries. GWPEA works with these country water partnerships to address water security issues and environmental challenges such as drought, floods, food insecurity, climate change and water insecurity. GWP Eastern Africa and its partners strive to promote the Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) approach to foster the coordination, development and management of water resources for sustainable development.

#### SCOPE OF THIS POSITION

Reporting to the Regional Coordinator and in liaising with GWPO-Head of Communications, the Regional Development Communications Officer (RDCO) has the responsibility to develop and implement a regional communications strategy to ensure that the region is present and recognised among GWP Partners, water professionals, governing institutions and the public. As such, this role relates to a broad range of actors (e.g., Consulting Partners, Regional Steering Committee (RSC), Global Secretariat, etc.) and provides support to the region's overall strategy, as well as supporting the fundraising efforts led by the Regional Coordinator, GWPO or the GWPEA RSC. The Regional Communications Officer promotes and facilitates a culture of knowledge sharing across the region – enhance confidence and trust among the network members on the program/s.

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#### The Shared Vision Objective

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Burundi, D.R. Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda

#### Objectif de la Vision Commune

**"Pour atteindre un développement socio-économique durable grâce à une utilisation équitable des ressources communes en eau du bassin du Nil et aux avantages qui en découlent"**

Burundi, R.D. Congo, Egypte, Ethiopie, Kenya, Rwanda, Soudan de Sud, Soudan, Tanzanie, Ouganda

## QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

- At least Master's degree in Communication, Media Relations or Journalism
- Relevant education and equivalent experience (at least 5 years) in designing communications in development and international environment
- Ability to understand broad development issues (e.g. water resources, climate, integrated approaches, related fields)
- Ability to coordinate and manage multiple tasks with excellent project management skills
- Ability to effectively assist GWPEA management to assess the political climate for achieving their underlying objectives (e.g. development assistance, resource mobilization, policy advocacy, confidence building) and enhance their operational effectiveness in dealing with external constituencies
- Creative and service-oriented work style, with strong interpersonal skills, able to work effectively and harmoniously at all levels – in working as a leader and a member of a team.
- Strong written and oral communication skills in English, knowledge of French is a strong advantage
- Excellent analytical and writing skills
- Highly developed oral and written communications skills and ability to persuasively present and defend controversial issues/positions

### How to apply:

Interested and suitably qualified individuals from the Nine Country Water Partnerships (*Burundi, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Somalia, Sudan and Uganda*) are invited to visit the NBI website at [www.nilebasin.org](http://www.nilebasin.org) or GWPEA website <https://gwp.org> and <https://gwp.org/en/GWP-Eastern-Africa/> to download the full Job description/TORs for the position and should submit their applications electronically to the Executive Director at: [gwpvacancy@nilebasin.org](mailto:gwpvacancy@nilebasin.org). Application/cover letters clearly indicating the title of the position and accompanied by detailed curriculum vitae should reach the Executive Director not later than **9<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 2:00 pm**.

Please don't attach scanned copies of your Academic & professional certificates and testimonials, you will be requested to submit them when you are shortlisted for Interviews. Please clearly indicate a minimum of three referees and two former employers excluding the current employer with their full addresses and contacts (Telephone and emails).

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