

Vacancy Announcement

Position Title: Project Coordinator at the OIE Sub-Regional Representation for Southern Africa in Gaborone (Botswana)

Salary: 4 000 euros/month of salary + 1 500 euros/month of expatriation allowance + benefits

Duration: One (1) year – Renewable subject to funding

Context:

The World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) is an intergovernmental organisation recognised by the World Trade Organization as a reference Organisation for intergovernmental standards concerning the sanitary safety of international trade of animals and products of animal origin and zoonoses, and is in charge of improving animal health, veterinary public health and animal welfare worldwide, as well as transparency of the global animal disease situation.

The OIE maintains permanent relations with over 70 international and regional Organisations and has 12 regional offices around the globe.

Job purpose

The Project Coordinator will be responsible for ensuring the coordination and effective delivery of the Technical Support for Namibia in Eliminating Rabies in Dogs project. He/She will also contribute to the overall implementation of the OIE mandate, in particular in relation to the control of animal diseases and zoonoses, animal welfare, and the fight against antimicrobial resistance in the Southern Africa (SADC) sub-region, in line with the 6th OIE Strategic Plan.

Positioning and reporting

Under the authority of the Director General and the overall supervision of the OIE Sub-Regional Representative for Southern Africa.

Responsibilities:

- Assume the coordination of the ongoing 'Technical Support for Namibia in Eliminating Rabies in Dogs' project, as well as provide overall technical advice and guidance on the control of zoonotic diseases. This includes relevant initiatives in respect of the international initiative to eliminate dog-mediated human rabies by 2030;
- Encourage OIE Member Countries to implement the OIE Strategy on Antimicrobial Resistance and the Prudent Use of Antimicrobials, and issues pertaining to antimicrobial resistance (AMR), in line with the mandate of the OIE under the WHO-FAO-OIE Tripartite Agreement on One Health;
- Support the regional mandate of the OIE on the control and eradication of Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR) in the SADC region, and complementary activities to further sub-regional efforts in rolling out the OIE-FAO PPR Global Eradication Programme (i.e. through the organisation of sub-regional workshops on the OIE procedure for the official recognition of Member Countries disease status and for the endorsement of national official control programmes);
- Serve as a liaison person between the OIE SRR/SA and other agencies working on the above topics in the sub-region, for instance (but not limited to): FAO (ECTAD), WHO (AFRO), SADC Secretariat, GARC, ILRI, AU-IBAR, AU-PANVAC, WTO;
- Contribute to the various capacity building programmes of the OIE in the SADC region in the fields of strengthening of Veterinary Services (e.g. training seminars for OIE national Focal Points and informative workshops) that seek to enhance technical expertise on the control and eradication of rabies and PPR, and facilitate the collection of high quality data on the use of antimicrobials in animals;
- Provide regular scientific information derived from conducting regular scientific analysis of available data (i.e. OIE PVS Pathway mission reports and regional analyses, completed AMR questionnaires from Member Countries), to guide OIE support activities in the sub-region and provide policy advice to Member Countries and the SADC Secretariat, where relevant;
- Represent the OIE at relevant regional and international conferences, meetings, workshops, etc. taking place in the sub-region on rabies, PPR and AMR;

- Carry out other related activities on rabies, PPR and AMR as assigned by the OIE Sub-Regional Representative for Southern Africa.

Qualifications and Experience:

- Graduate university degree in veterinary medicine, from a recognised Veterinary Education Establishment;
- Demonstrated professional background (through post-graduate diplomas or work experience) of veterinary epidemiology and/or veterinary public health;
- Minimum of 10 years of work experience, with at least 5 years of regional or international experience, working with national Veterinary Services in developing countries, preferably in Africa;
- Proven experience and involvement in a Rabies control program at national level.

Technical skills:

- Excellent command of French and English, both written and spoken, with related skills required in scientific writing and editing of reports, briefs and papers;
- Notions of Portuguese would be asset;
- Command of the usual electronic communication and IT tools in a Microsoft environment, including (but not limited to) Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Outlook;
- Command of statistical tools and geographic mapping systems, preferably GIS;
- Familiarity with and capacity to communicate on activities through social media channels.

Soft skills:

- Demonstrated capacity to communicate to larger audiences;
- Demonstrated ability to be highly organised, independent, and a diplomatic professional;
- Availability to conduct frequent missions abroad, mainly in the SADC region, but also further afield.

Working conditions

Overseas travel abroad is expected on a regular basis, especially in the SADC region.

General Information

The OIE places high value on a multicultural and positive work environment.

The OIE is an equal opportunity employer and welcomes applications of all qualified candidates, irrespective of their ethnic origin, gender, opinions or beliefs.

This is a full-time position as an international civil servant based at the OIE Sub-Regional Representation in Gaborone (Botswana) that is available immediately.

If you are interested in the position, please complete your application online **by 21 November 2017 at the latest** by clicking on the link below.

Should you have any questions, please contact Human Resources at hr.dept@oie.int.

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