

END/SNE – JOB DESCRIPTION

Security Expert - West Africa

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| <u>Job Title:</u> | END/SNE – Security Expert - West Africa |
| <u>Job Location:</u> | EEAS HQ, West Africa Division (AFRICA.3) |
| <u>Job Number:</u> | 214178 |
| <u>Area of activity:</u> | External relations |
| <u>Category:</u> | AD |
| <u>Duration of secondment:</u> | 24 months |

Job Content

Overall purpose:

Provide analysis and expertise on issues related to security, defence, judiciary, countering terrorism (CT) and violent extremism (CVE) and contribute to the work conducted by the West Africa Division on these subjects.

Under the authority of the Head of Division, in coordination with political officers in charge of individual countries:

- Analyse the developments in the individual West African countries, at the regional and continental level (G5 Sahel, ECOWAS, African Union, Lake Chad Basin Commission) from the security, defense, CT and CVE perspective and contribute to the Division's policy work (political analysis, political notes, briefing files for EU leadership, statements etc.).
- Work in close coordination with various EEAS services, in particular with Managing Directorate for CSDP and Crisis Response (MD-CSDP-CR), EU Military Staff, with the team of the EU Special Representative (EUSR) for the Sahel, Service for Foreign Policy Instruments (FPI) and relevant Commission DGs (SG, DEVCO, ECHO etc.), EU Delegations in the West Africa region and EU Member States.
- Analyse CSDP developments at the EU level for the needs of the Division in relation with the Sahel file, Gulf of Guinea and wider West Africa region.
- Contribute to the EU's responsibilities within the Security and Stability Partnership in the Sahel (P3S).
- Contribute with the security expertise to the revision of the 2011 EU Strategy for Security and Development in the Sahel.

Functions and Duties:

Policy analysis

- Conduct research and analysis on developments and initiatives in the areas of security, defense, countering terrorism and violent extremism, fighting jihadist threat in the individual countries of West Africa and at the regional level (G5, ECOWAS, Lake Chad Basin Commission etc.).
- Analyse the activities of Member States and EU partners in West Africa in the above-mentioned areas of expertise.
- Liaise with the EU Delegations, in support to staff working on security issues.

- Liaise regularly with MD CSDP-CR and in particular with the Counterterrorism (SECDEFPOL.3) and Integrated Strategic Planning (ISP.3) Divisions.

Policy Development

- Provide support to political officers in charge of individual West African countries and to the Sahel team with specific thematic expertise by contributing with elements in the areas of security, defense, countering terrorism and violent extremism to briefing dossiers, speeches, statements, analytical notes, press releases etc. as well as in view of the upcoming strategic programming in a region facing increasing defense and security challenges.
- Contribute to EEAS periodic reports on CFSP/CSDP issues in the West Africa region.
- Contribute to the definition of EU policy in the Sahel, in the area of security, defense, countering terrorism and violent extremism, in co-ordination with other EEAS services, with the Commission, Member States, bilateral and multilateral partners; participate in the Sahel Task Force.

Institutional relations

- Liaise and maintain relations and co-ordinate with the other EU Institutions, in particular the European Commission, Service for Foreign Policy Instruments, European Parliament and the Council.
- Draft answers to parliamentary questions in the area of expertise.
- Ensure EEAS participation at Council working group meetings at EP committee meetings or at other inter-institutional and international meetings.

Education and Training: University diploma: security and defense studies or related

Knowledge and Experience: Indispensable experience of at least 5 years in the areas of security, defence, countering terrorism and violent extremism; experience in third countries (Embassy, International organization, etc.) and experience on Africa, knowledge of EU institutions, EU decision-making processes, CFSP-CSDP, EU external action would be strong assets.

Skills

Linguistic skills: Fluency in French and English, in both speaking and writing

Communication skills: Capacity to work and communicate in an international diplomatic and multilingual environment.

Interpersonal skills: Team player

Intellectual skills: Solid analytical, drafting and reporting skills. Rapid grasp of problems and capacity to identify issues and solutions

Personal Qualities

Dynamic. Motivated and flexible personality. Capacity to adapt quickly to new situations and deal with new challenges.