

APPLICATION FOR COMMUNICATIONS INTERN

The African Centre for Democracy and Human Rights Studies (ACDHRS) is independent, non-profit regional human rights NGO based in Banjul, The Gambia. It was initially set up in 1989 by an Act of Parliament of the Republic of The Gambia. However, 1995, the African Centre was re-launched, thereby repealing the Act, and thus making the Centre a truly independent pan-African NGO.

The Centre seeks to uphold and promote Article 25 of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights which states that: State Parties have the duty to 'promote and ensure, through teaching, education and publication, respect of the rights and freedoms contained in the present Charter and to see to it that these freedoms and rights as well as corresponding obligations and duties are understood'.

The African Centre seeks a dynamic, creative and committed Intern to provide support to its information and communication activities for a period of 6-12 months. The Intern who will report directly to the Executive Director will work on the following:

- Develop a Communications Strategy for the ACDHRS to advance its mission and achieve new organizational strength
- Write and edit articles for the ACDHRS quarterly print and electronic newsletter, publish annual, conference and workshop reports for dissemination, information brochure, and other materials;
- Assist in the organization of activities through the organization of press conferences, acting as General Rapporteur, issuing press releases as the case may be

- Increase Centre's visibility on social media and updating the Centre's website in addition to other internet-related tasks
- Act as Public/Media Relations Officer and represent the ACDHRS at meetings or other functions
- Any other duties as assigned by the Executive Director

Qualifications and key competencies:

- A University Degree (Bachelors) in the Social Sciences or Humanities from an internationally recognized University or equivalent from an Institution;
- 2 years work experience in communications, journalism, public relations in a human rights NGOs would be an added advantage;
- Extensive computer skills in internet, social media, graphics and designing etc
- A high level of integrity, honesty and sense of responsibility;
- Excellent team player with ability to work under pressure, meet deadlines and be results-oriented.

Remuneration: Internship positions are <u>NOT</u> remunerated positions. However, the Intern will have the opportunity to learn and share experience thereby contributing to the work of the African Centre. A Certificate of Internship will also be issued to the Intern at the end of the period.

Interested applicants should complete the Internship Application Form, attached relevant documents (CV, Certificates) and send by email to: admin@acdhrs.org

Deadline for applications: 10th February, 2017. Only successful Applicants will be contacted.