



Vacancy Announcement

The United Nations Office for West Africa / Cameroon Nigeria Mixed Commission (UNOWA/CNMC) is looking for a highly motivated, team player and result oriented person

To serve as: Civilian Observer to the CNMC

Specialty: Political/Civil Affairs

Title Consultant	UN Civilian Observer to the Cameroon Nigeria Mixed Commission
Number of posts	01
Type of contract	Appointment for Limited Duration
Grade	Consultant
Category	Consultant
Duration	9 months contract – (renewable limited to 2 years upon satisfactory performance)
Monthly payment	US\$ 8,200
Duty station	Yaounde - Calabar
Unit/Section	CNMC
Issuing date	27/12/2011
Closing date	13/01/2012

Duties and Terms of Reference

UNOWA is entrusted with the overall mandate of enhancing sub-regional capacities for conflict prevention and mediation as well as the sub-region capacities to address cross-border and cross-cutting threats to peace and security, in particular election-related instability and challenges related to security sector reform, trans-national organized crime, illicit trafficking and terrorism. Finally, the Office has also the mandate to promote good governance and respect for the rule of law, human rights, and the mainstreaming of gender in conflict prevention and conflict management initiatives in West Africa. The mandate of the Mixed Commission on Cameroon and Nigeria is to ensure the peaceful implementation of the judgment of the ICJ and to prevent related tension between Cameroon and Nigeria from escalating into conflict.

Under the overall guidance of the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General (SRSG), and Chairman of Nigeria and Cameroon Mixed Commission, the Civilian Observer will be responsible for the following duties:

- Assess and analyze socio-political developments in the sub-region and assess their potential/possible impact on the situation of the affected populations in both countries
- Gather on a daily basis comprehensive (and sound?) information on factors that may affect peace and stability in the sub-region with a view to provide up-to-date information to senior officials and colleagues and make recommendations accordingly.;
- Prepare analytical reports and papers on matters of concern; draft notes, background papers, talking points, speeches and other correspondence;
- In coordination with colleagues, contribute to devising conflict prevention or good offices strategies, as well as targeted initiatives aiming at reducing tension and preventing violence in the affected areas.



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- Assist in liaising with and coordinating meetings, on a regular basis, between the Office and local authorities, regional intergovernmental organizations, civil society organizations;
 - Maintain contacts with other parts of the UN, other international organizations and governments on coordination and policy matters; brief representatives and provide, as appropriate suggestions and recommendations.
 - Perform other related duties as required.

Results Expected

- Daily, weekly and monthly situation reports, emphasizing the aspects that could have impact on the implementation of the ICJ ruling as well as aspect that could have impact on West Africa sub-region and all other items considered relevant according to the mandate of UNOWA and CNMC.
- Provide and counsel senior officials with well-analyzed, concise information and recommendations as to appropriate action to be taken;

Competencies:

- **Professionalism** – Demonstrated ability to complete in-depth studies and reach conclusions on possible causes and solutions to political problems in specific areas and/or countries; ability to relate various issues and perspectives to political, social, economic and humanitarian programmes in affected countries and areas.
- **Leadership** – Skill in overseeing work of more junior staff in and on mission, report writing and research work; proven negotiating skills.
- **Planning and organizing** – Proven ability to plan and organize own work and that of others.
- **Communications** – Proven ability to write in a clear and concise manner and to communicate orally effectively.
- **Technology awareness** – Good computer skills.
- **Teamwork** – Ability to interact and to establish and maintain effective working relationships both as a team member and team leader, with people in a multi-cultural, multi-ethnic environment with sensitivity and respect for diversity.

Qualifications:

Education: Advanced University Degree (Masters or equivalent), preferably in political science, international relations, law, public administration or related fields or a combination of professional training and certification and experience.

Experience: At least 5 years in international relations, development or conflict resolution work at national and international levels, and more specifically in the region of assignment. Experience in missions and/or prior work in UN Peace Missions.

Language: Proficiency in English and French.

Other Skills

Thorough knowledge of the practices and procedures of the UN system.



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Application

Applicants meeting the above qualifications are requested to submit the following only:

- 1. Cover letter, a one-page Statement of Interest explaining why you consider yourself qualified and motivated for this particular position**
- 2. Curriculum Vitae (CV) or completed P-11**
- 3. Certified Copy of Diplomas and Degrees**

Note: Before applying for the post, we kindly request candidates to carefully review the VA to ensure that they meet the Minimum requirement

Please email your application to:

lya@un.org

or via mail at the following address:

**United Nations Office for West Africa - UNOWA
23851 Dakar Ponty
Senegal**

Note: Please indicate the vacancy title & number

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