

Vacancy announcement

► *Director of Public Relations,
Cooperation and Internationalization*

THE AFRO-AMERICAN UNIVERSITY
OF CENTRAL AFRICA (AAUCA)





The Afro-American University of Central Africa

The Afro-American University of Central Africa (AAUCA) is a newly established public institution of higher education in Equatorial Guinea in the heart of Africa (Oyala) that provides access to higher education students of diverse backgrounds and educational needs. AAUCA's vision is to become a world-class university, driven by research and innovation, that fosters the intellectual development and success of its student population through a rigorous, positive, highly internationalized and transformative educational experience.

AAUCA has initiated an extensive worldwide search for candidates to be incorporated into the middle management of the Organization. This constitutes

an excellent opportunity for professionals who have gained valuable experience in higher education institutions of a similar nature, to seek a more international dimension in their professional practice. Likewise, it provides a unique opportunity to face professional challenges derived from the very demands imposed by AAUCA, by virtue of its mission statement which inspires it and seeks to make it a reference point for higher education, both in Equatorial Guinea and internationally. This is all possible, thanks to the strong support given by the national government and the strategic vision that drives the Organization. Accordingly, AAUCA is now accepting applications for the position of **Director of Public Relations, Cooperation and Internationalization**.



CANDIDATE PROFILE

Qualifications & Skills

The selected candidate will report to the Rector and be part of the management team that seeks to build and consolidate the prestige of this recently created university with a strong international orientation. He or she will be responsible for the promotion, establishment and consolidation of the relations of the Afro-American University of Central Africa with the rest of the country's higher education institutions and corresponding national and international bodies. Similarly, the appointee will encourage the development of inter-university cooperation programs, encouraging the participation of students, teaching and research staff and members of the administration and services staff. He or she will also develop actions aimed at the international projection of the University and its full insertion in the spaces where it can offer its contributions to the development of African society.

The ideal candidate should possess the following qualifications and skills:

- 1) A bachelor's, master's and doctorate degree from a renowned university in the following fields:
 - a. International Relations or Communication Sciences;
 - b. Cooperation for Development;
 - c. Sustainable Development or Higher Education Social Responsibility.
- 2) Proof of experience of at least five (5) years in similar positions;
- 3) Proficiency in spoken Spanish at a native or near-native level;
- 4) Proficiency in the English language. For non-native speakers, a valid document certifying proficiency in this language is required. Knowledge of French will be an asset;

- 5) Communication skills and ability to maintain effective working relationships with national and local authorities, governmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as national and international higher education institutions;
- 6) Quality-oriented, innovative and willing to be part of a team that will contribute to the development of a campus of academic and research excellence in Central Africa;
- 7) Excellent interpersonal, planning and organizational skills.

Duties and responsibilities

- 1) To design plans, programs and projects for higher education internationalization;
- 2) To direct and promote the implementation of international agreements and to follow up on the commitments arising from them;
- 3) To organize and develop scholarship programs with other countries and international organizations, as well as to encourage the development of horizontal cooperation and mutual support schemes for the benefit of the institution;
- 4) To promote initiatives leading to the development of policies and strategies aimed at achieving a competitive position for the university at national, regional and global levels;
- 5) To ensure compliance with the University's Communication Policy which has the general objective of projecting the institutional image internally and externally, through communication actions - coordinated with the Press Office - that enhance the mission, values and objectives of AAUCA, and contribute to the dissemination of teaching, research and outreach activities both nationally and internationally;



Remuneration

- 1) The AAUCA offers a competitive compensation package in which the salary component is proportional to qualifications and experience;
- 2) UNESCO supports the development of the AAUCA and, as such, the position will initially be a UNESCO contractual appointment for the first year. The position is renewable – following a positive evaluation by AAUCA – for a period of 3 to 5 years.

How to apply

- 1) Interested parties should send their CV and letter of intent by email to info-iesalc@unesco.org indicating in the subject line the title of the vacancy, “**Director of Public Relations, Cooperation and Internationalization**”;
- 2) A recent photo (45mm x 35mm with no less than 150 pixel quality) accompany the curriculum vitae being submitted.
- 3) Only complete applications (CV + letter of intent + photo) will be considered;
- 4) Only pre-selected candidates will be contacted for an interview;
- 5) The application process will close at 23:00 GMT on **01 November 2020**.

The UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education is supporting The Afro-American University of Central Africa in its global search for this appointment. Should you require any additional clarification regarding the position, please feel free to contact us at [**info-iesalc@unesco.org**](mailto:info-iesalc@unesco.org)

