

SECONDED POSITIONS (8)

Position Name: Political Adviser	Employment Regime: Seconded	
Ref. Number: NI 10	Location: Niamey	Availability: 16 Aug 2021
Component/Department/Unit: Chief of Staff's Department	Security Clearance Level: EU SECRET	Open to Invited Third States: No

1. Reporting Line:

The Political Adviser reports to the Chief of Staff (CoS).

2. Main Tasks and Responsibilities:

- To follow the political developments in Niger and in the region pertaining to the Mission mandate implementation and to provide analysis and advice on same to the HoM and senior Mission management;
- To liaise and develop relationships with relevant political actors, in coordination with the EU Delegation political section, especially with, but not limited to parliamentarians, local authorities, civil society, EU actors, Contributing Third States and international organisations;
- To contribute to regular Mission reporting and other reports, papers and briefings in relation to the implementation of the Mission mandate;
- To prepare/contribute to briefings, notes and meeting reports in a timely manner for the HoM and other Mission staff and other individuals or groups as appropriate;
- To contribute to the political aspects of Press and Public Information activities, including to assist in clearance of draft press releases, public statements and articles as appropriate;
- To act as alternate Press and Public Information Officer, as required;
- To act as alternate Mission spokesperson, as required;
- To assist in conducting and coordinating official visits according to protocol rules;
- To support the workings of the Information Cell of the Mission through preparing meeting minutes, following up on taskings and providing input and suggestions on optimum information sharing within the mission.

3. General Tasks and Responsibilities:

- To provide advice to the HoM and senior Mission management on the political impact of ongoing Security Sector Reform pertaining to the mandate;
- To perform any other related tasks, as requested by the Line Manager(s).

4. Essential Qualifications and Experience:

- Successful completion of university studies of at least 3 years attested by a diploma **OR** a qualification in the National Qualifications Framework which is equivalent to level 6 in the European Qualifications Framework **OR** a qualification of the first cycle under the framework of qualifications of the European Higher Education Area, e.g. Bachelor's Degree. The qualification should be in any of the fields of Political Science, Social Science, or other academic training relevant to the post, **OR** police or military equivalent education or training or equivalent rank; **AND**
- A minimum of 5 years of relevant professional experience, after having fulfilled the education requirements.

5. Essential Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- Drafting and analytical skills;

- Academic background and/or knowledge of Africa and especially of the Sahel region, as well as familiarity with Islamic societies and cultures;
- Good understanding of and experience in the European Institutions and CSDP;
- International experience, particularly in crisis areas with multinational and/or international organisations, ideally in a political advisory capacity;
- Political sensitivity, with the ability to exercise discretion, judgement and confidentiality when dealing with politicians and officials at every level;
- The ability to give clear advice on issues;
- French language skills: minimum C1 (Proficient User);
- English language skills: minimum B1 (Independent User).

6. Desirable Qualifications and Experience:

- Previous experience in political analysis, advising to senior management or leadership, experience in diplomacy or similar;
- Previous experience in Western Africa and/or in a complex, crisis management and/or hostile environments with seconded civilian and/or military staff;
- Oral and influencing skills.

7. Desirable Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- Highly resilient under mental pressure and willingness to work extra hours when required.