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Post title:	Senior Parliamentary Advisor
IDEA Division:	Africa and West Asia Programme
Location:	Freetown, Sierra Leone
Line Manager:	Project Director (TBC) AWA
Project:	Technical Support to Sierra Leonean Institutions
Donor:	European Union
Funding Agreement:	Contingent upon funding

The main functions of the post are to:

Serve as the International IDEA technical leader for the parliamentary strengthening component of the project to support Sierra Leonean institutions and stakeholders. Specifically, the main duties and responsibilities of the Senior Parliamentary Advisor will include the following:

- Serve as the project lead parliamentary technical advisor to the Parliament of Sierra Leone and other stakeholders;
- Build and foster the capacity of the Parliamentarians and Parliamentary support staff through capacity building initiatives;
- Coordinate and organize dialogues, workshops and other activities aimed at enhancing legislative processes and procedures;
- Coordinate and lead technical input into the drafting of key documents such as draft policies, procedures, regulations and/or workplans;
- Coordinate and liaise with other actors supporting the Parliament;
- Contribute to the design and implementation of the project monitoring and evaluation framework; and
- Contribute to the drafting of project progress reports, activity reports and situational analyses.

Required Skills and Competencies

Professionalism: Shows pride in work and in achievements; Demonstrates professional competence and mastery of subject matter; Conscientious and efficient in meeting commitments, observing deadlines and achieving results; Motivated by professional rather than personal concerns; Shows persistence when faced with difficult problems or challenges; Remains calm in stressful situations; Takes responsibility for incorporating gender perspectives and ensuring the equal participation of women and men in all areas of work. Considerable analytical and research experience demonstrated over at least 6 years of experience and backed up by writing samples, strong ability to provide conceptual analysis, strong sense of responsibility and commitment.

Communication: Speaks and writes clearly and effectively; Listens to others, correctly interprets messages from others and responds appropriately; Asks questions to clarify, and exhibits interest in having two-way communication; Tailors language, tone, style and format to match audience; Demonstrates openness in sharing information and keeping people informed.

Teamwork: Works collaboratively with colleagues to achieve organizational goals; Solicits input by genuinely valuing others' ideas and expertise; Willing to learn from others; Places team agenda before personal agenda; Supports and acts in accordance with final group decision, even when such decisions may not entirely reflect own position; Shares credit for team accomplishments and accepts joint responsibility for team shortcomings.

Judgment/Decision-making: Identifies key issues in a complex situation, and comes to the heart of the problem quickly; Gathers relevant information before making a decision; Considers positive and negative impact on others and on the Organization; Proposes a course of action or makes a recommendation based on all available information; Checks assumptions against facts; Determines that the actions proposed will satisfy the expressed and underlying needs for the decision; Makes tough decisions when necessary.

Vision: Identifies strategic issues, opportunities and risks; and clearly communicates links between the Organization's strategy and the work unit's goals; Generates and communicates broad and compelling organizational direction, inspiring others to pursue that same direction; Conveys enthusiasm about future possibilities.

Functional Competence:

- Considerable parliamentary strengthening experience demonstrated over at least 10 years
- Strong ability to provide conceptual analysis
- Strong sense of responsibility and commitment
- Ability to prioritise and manage workload independently within a team
- Ability to operate effectively in a multi-cultural environment and be gender and conflict-sensitive
- Excellent project management skills

Experience

- At least 8 years of progressively responsible professional experience related to democratic governance in developing countries with a minimum of five years'

experience in planning, delivering, managing and implementing parliamentary support projects;

- Proven experience in capacity building in state institutions;
- Proven experience in capacity building for parliaments in relation parliamentary administration, legislative processes, trainings for members of parliament and the use of ICTs; and
- Good familiarity with gender issues related to parliamentary affairs;
- Experience in collaboration with a variety of stakeholders (civil society, media, political parties), and in donor coordination;
- International experience in parliamentary strengthening and exposure to best international practices; and
- Knowledge of EU policies and programmes in the area of democratization and governance is an advantage.

Education

Advanced university degree (Master's degree or equivalent) in Political Science, International Relations, Social Sciences, Law, Human Rights Public Administration, or a related field.

Languages:

Fluency in spoken and written English is required.

Tenure of appointment

The appointment will be made for a fixed term of thirty-six (36)-month contract based in Freetown, Sierra Leone that will be renewable depending on availability of funds and subject to satisfactory performance evaluation. The assignment is expected to commence on/about April 2018. The recruitment of this consultant is subject to International IDEA and its consortium partners' successful service contract award as well as approval by the appropriate EU Contracting Authority (EU Delegate in Sierra Leone).