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## **Research Associate – Internship**

West Africa Centre for Counter-Extremism (WACCE) is an independent, not-for-profit regional organization focused on security and counter-terrorism research and outreach in West Africa. WACCE's works are intended at uncovering the underpinnings of radicalization and violent extremism to serve as effective contribution to State and Regional counter terrorism policy and strategy. Our vision is to serve as the most credible and leading terrorism and security research organization on West Africa.

Our approach to security is grounded in a Human Security framework that asserts that the ultimate goal and measure of security policy and strategy should be the safety, freedom, and dignity of individuals and communities involved. It prioritizes keeping individuals and communities safe, not only from terrorism but, also from the intended or unintended harmful consequences of counterterrorism measures and we evaluate security policies on the basis of protection of individuals rather than number of terrorists killed or apprehended.

We are currently looking for a Research Associate for internship for a period of between 3 to 6 months. This is a highly flexible role and the intern is expected to work remotely providing security research on West Africa with support and coordination of the WACCE team in Accra, Ghana.

- WACCE commits to provide guidance to the Research Associate in any ways practicable to effectively perform his/her role successfully.
- WACCE agrees for Research Associate to use WACCE's name in his/her publications and representations in any ways appropriate and sufficient upon prior mutual agreement.
- WACCE commits to support and promote Associate's any published works in any ways that may be deemed sufficient and appropriate.

## **Research Associate**

The Research Associate is expected to contribute to enhance WACCE's research content, positively represent the organization and contribute in various ways to enhance its positive image globally. Primary responsibilities for this role include the following:

- Helping to provide content (profile) on 15 West African countries
- Support WACCE research team by reviewing articles and research reports intended for publication.
- Contribute to enhancing WACCE Research team's capabilities to ensure joint publications in reputable journals.
- Represent, develop and maintain professional relationships with other organizations in the Third Sector on behalf of WACCE.
- Attend seminars, conferences and meetings on behalf of the organization as may be required.

The above duties are only indicative and may include other duties as and when they arise and mutually agreed on.

### **Person Specification**

- This role is suitable for a student who is already in an academic environment and will be interested in acquiring relevant knowledge and experience relating to security in Africa.
- The ideal person must have at least a bachelor's degree in security, peace and conflict resolution, International Relations, Journalism, Law, Human Rights and Criminal Justice, Diplomacy, Politics or International Development with at least 2 years of work experience. In lieu of the above, candidates must be pursuing or have interest in international affairs, security, Africa, and Human Rights.
- She/he is required to regard as confidential all research work, findings and information relating to WACCE unless otherwise stated.

### **Remuneration**

This role is unpaid. This role is suitable for a student who is already in an academic environment and is interested in acquiring relevant knowledge and experience relating to security in Africa.

WACCE shall do everything possible to provide adequate guidance and support to ensure a convenient and exciting working experience and relationship.

### **Working Hours and Internship Duration**

The intern is not expected to travel to Accra to work. He/she is expected to work remotely online with the supervision of an assigned WACCE staff and will be required to work a minimum of 20 hours a week.

This role is for an initial period of three (3) months and is renewable upon mutual agreement by both parties.

### **How to Apply**

If you meet the above requirements, please send in your CV, Cover Letter and a writing sample of between 2-3 pages to [info@wacce.org](mailto:info@wacce.org) and copy [mmmutaru@gmail.com](mailto:mmmutaru@gmail.com) by Tuesday, January 02, 2018. The writing sample could be a portion of any of your submitted essays, published or unpublished works. If accepted, you will be required to provide a summarized profile on yourself to be included in WACCE's website.