

In Brief

Nigerian court rules VP can act for Yar' Adua

* ABUJA – A Nigerian high court ruled on Wednesday that Vice President Goodluck Jonathan can take executive powers in the absence of ailing President Umaru Yar' Adua, in hospital in Saudi Arabia since November.

Nigeria to allow US-trained marshals on flights

* ABUJA – Nigeria will soon allow US-trained air marshals on its flights to the United States to boost air security after a botched bombing attack on a US-bound airliner, a federal minister said.

State witness seeks legal advice

* HARARE – The prosecution's star witness, arms dealer Michael Hilschmann, in the high profile trial of Zimbabwe's junior agriculture minister-designate Roy Bennett for terrorism and insurgency on Wednesday asked the court to allow him time to seek legal advice.

'Attacks show need to disarm'

* KIGALI – A string of unrelated grenade attacks that killed four people and wounded several others across Rwanda showed the need to reduce the vast number of arms in society available for use by criminals, police said.



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Holy water

Hindu devotees arrive for a holy dip at 'Sangam', the confluence of the Ganges and Yamuna rivers during the Makar Sankranti festival in Allahabad, India yesterday. Hundreds of thousands of devout Hindus bathe at the confluence during the astronomically auspicious period of over 30 days celebrated as Magh Mela, to rid themselves of their sins and attain prosperity.



Vacancies Announcement

1 x Programme Communications and Outreach Officer
Country Pilot Partnership Programme for Integrated Sustainable Land Management
Ministry of Environment and Tourism

1. General Information

Job Code Title: Programme Communications and Outreach Person
Vacancy number: 002/2010/UNDP
Type of Contract & Duration: Service Contract for 24 Months (subject to annual review/renewal)
Salary: Equivalent to NO-A
Immediate Supervisor: Programme Coordinator/Management

2. Duties and Responsibilities

The Programme Communication and Outreach Officer will be responsible for information collation and dissemination. The Officer will also be responsible for developing and implementing the CPP Communication Strategy. In detail the tasks of the Communication and Outreach Officer are:

- Co-ordinate and oversee enhanced production and dissemination of communication and advocacy materials, including brochures posters, pamphlets, and press releases
- Support programme staff in advocacy efforts and component of ongoing programme outreach activities
- Cultivate and maintain effective working relationships with government, donors, civil society organizations and other relevant partners and identify opportunities for advocacy and communication partnerships at local, regional, and national levels
- Develop a database of key local and international contacts, share information and respond to requests for information and assistance
- Assist in the preparation, organisation and reporting of CPP important events, including the annual programme retreat, as well as meetings with the CPP management structures and development partners
- Implement activities related to awareness raising of different SLM related policies at different levels
- Advise on the communication aspects of the CPP Office documents such as the Results Matrix, CPP Retreat Report, Quarterly Reports, etc
- Participate in CPP and other significant meetings with a view to advising the CPP on more effective use of communication to achieve the programme's core objectives
- Overall responsibility for structured external communication on the project (brochures, press releases and relations with the press media, web page, correspondence, etc.) including ensuring appropriate and maximum CPP visual identity of the project's information and communication
- Liaise with respective communications and media officers of partner institutions, six ministries, academic institutions, projects, donors, and UNDP
- Facilitate the production of the CPP annual newsletter, and oversees the distribution
- Organize and design short summer courses on SLM issues/themes/practices with SLM practitioners at UNAM, Polytechnic, Agricultural Colleges and Gobabeb for the CPP partners, implementing agencies, local levels, etc
- Organize community exchange and design in-service programmes with support from the Programme Coordinator
- Regularly update and maintain of CPP Website, more technical aspects to be outsourced
- Scan international and local media for information about or relevant to the CPP; ensure that this is shared with the CPP and relevant partners
- Maintain close contact with programme stakeholders
- Maintain the programme knowledge management system
- Any other task demanding the attention of the Communication and Outreach Officer PCU to prepare written materials including speeches, talking points, articles, press releases, responses to coverage about the CPP in the media etc.

3. Qualifications, experience and skills

The Communications and Outreach Officer should have:

1. A university degree (preferably an advanced degree) in communication, information management, environmental studies, social sciences or other related disciplines
2. Working knowledge of the Namibian environment sector
3. At least 3 years experience in public relations, communication, web-based content development, presentation and outreach activities
4. Strong analytical, communication and advocacy skills, as well as experience in contributing to generation of high quality knowledge products
5. Good writing and photography skills
6. Familiarity with communications approaches for planning, executing and monitoring communication strategies
7. Demonstrable skills in Information Technology, including use of Word Processing, PowerPoint Publishing, spread sheets, email and internet
8. Full computer literacy and familiarity with e-presentation techniques and ability to operate with on-line web-based applications
9. Ability to establish effective working relationship in multi cultural team environment
10. Strong team building, communication and interpersonal skills
11. Demonstrable abilities to work in an independent manner
12. Excellent oral and written communications and editorial skills in English
13. Ability to work effectively under tight deadlines
14. Possession of a valid driving license

For inquiries and detailed Terms of Reference, please contact Registry Namibia at registry.na@undp.org (Subject Line: CPP Communications and Outreach Officer).

All applications, clearly indicating project vacancy applied for, should be delivered/ sent to:

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Office of the UNDP Resident Representative
UN House, 1st Floor
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Closing date: 14h15, Friday, 29 January 2010

No faxed or e-mailed applications shall be considered and only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

China defends rules after Google threat

BEIJING – China declared its Internet "open" yesterday but defended censorship that has prompted Web giant Google to threaten to pull out of the country, adding a potential new irritant in China-US relations.

But Google appeared to be winning the battle for hearts and minds, with Chinese online users flooding the Web and visiting the company's Beijing offices to express support and urge the Internet giant not to leave China.

"The Chinese government administrators the Internet according to law and we have explicit stipulations over what information and content can be spread over the Internet," foreign ministry spokeswoman Jiang Yu told reporters.

Jiang's comment marked China's most direct response yet after Google's shock announcement on Tuesday that it would stop howling to Chinese Internet censors and could pull out of

the world's largest online population of 360 million users.

Google said the move was a protest against censorship and what it called "highly sophisticated" cyberattacks on its systems aimed at Chinese human rights activists and believed to have originated in China.

The issue looked likely to shape up as the latest addition to a growing list of disputes between China and the United States over trade, climate change and human rights.

China employs a vast system of Web censorship dubbed the "Great Firewall of China" that blocks content such as political dissent, pornography and other information viewed as objectionable.

Jiang declared the country's Internet "open" but declined to offer a detailed response to US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's call for China to explain the alleged cyberattacks. – *Namp-a-AP*



AREVA RESOURCES NAMIBIA

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING TO PRESENT THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED MINE ACCESS ROAD TO BE BUILT BETWEEN ARANDIS AND THE TREKKOPJE MINE.

In terms of the requirements of the Environmental Assessment Policy and the principles of the Environmental Management Act of the Republic of Namibia, a public meeting will be held to present the findings of the EIA for the proposed road between Arandis and the Trekkopje Mine site.

All interested and affected parties are invited to the public meeting and will be given the opportunity to discuss the findings of the Draft EIA Report and to raise any issues or concerns.

Details of the Public Meeting are as follows:

Thursday 21 January 2010
Arandis Town Hall
15h00 to 16h00

The report can be accessed on 21 January 2010 on the following address:

www.turgis.co.za

Questions with regard to this notification should be sent to the EIA Project Manager, Peter Roux, at:

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