

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT: ASSOCIATE LEGAL ANALYST
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS SOMALILAND – 13 NOVEMBER 2017

Following an official invitation from the Government of Somaliland, University College London (UCL) is coordinating an Election Observation Mission to observe the Presidential Election scheduled to be held in Somaliland on 13th November 2017.

The EOM is fully independent of the Somaliland authorities, and will conduct its observation activities in accordance with the [Declaration of Principles for International Election Observation](#), agreed at the United Nations in 2005.

Objective

Under the direction of the Chief Observer, and in conjunction with other members of the Coordination Team, the Associate Legal Analyst assesses the performance of Somaliland's political and judicial administration in complying with national legislation and regulations, and regional and international standards for democratic elections.

Main tasks

- Acquire knowledge of the judicial and constitutional system and political and electoral situation in the country;
- Acquire detailed knowledge of the electoral legal framework and other any other laws relevant to the elections (media regulations, judicial system, electoral procedures, etc.)
- Become familiar with regional and international standards for democratic elections relevant and/or applicable in Somaliland;
- Follow all election-related disputes, complaints, court cases, and appeals, and alternative dispute resolution (ADR) mechanisms;
- Review and report on election related court cases and ADR cases throughout the election period;
- Attend relevant meetings, particularly court meetings and meetings of the national election authorities and report as required;
- Record and follow-up on complaints and appeals and ensure that information about complaints and appeals is distributed to relevant members of the Mission;
- Assess the performance of the election administration in line with national regulations and legislation, and regional and international standards for democratic elections;

- In consultation with other Coordination Team members, assist in the preparation of STO observation report forms, ensuring that the information gathered can be processed effectively;
- Attend and participate in any other relevant meetings with other election stakeholders, as deemed necessary by the Chief Observer;
- Participate in observer briefings, debriefings and team meetings;
- Contribute to the preparation of interim reports, the preliminary statement and the final report, and remain available for consultation by phone and/or email until the final report is published;
- Support the activity of other analysts as required;
- Observe the voting process on election day, and assist with the coordination of short term observers, as required;
- Perform any other duty required for the good functioning of the EOM.

Deployment schedule and commitment

The analyst may be required to travel to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and Nairobi, Kenya in addition to the EOM's core activities in Somaliland. The analyst will need to be available to travel from Friday 20th October through Tuesday, 21st November, and will be compensated for a total of 24 working days, excluding weekends and travel days.

Compensation is competitive and will be negotiated with the selected candidate. Reasonable reimbursement for pre-agreed travel costs and expenses will be made.

Application process

Applications should be submitted to c.goggin@uclconsultants.com no later than 10am GMT on Monday, 25th September. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.