

Call for WAEON Short-Term Observers (STOs): Liberia 2017 Elections

As part of the collaboration with the Washington DC based National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI) for the upcoming October 10, 2017 Presidential and Legislative Elections in Liberia, we are seeking four (4) qualified persons to be recruited from members of the West African Election Observation Network (WAEON) for deployment as Short-Term Observers (STOs). STOs are expected to be deployed in Liberia from October 5 – 13, 2017. Primary responsibilities include observing and assessing the *ENTIRE* polling day process in an assigned geographic area in line with the Declaration of Principles for International Election Observation and Code of Conduct for International Election Observers and national legislation. The STO reports directly to the NDI International Observation Mission in Monrovia, Liberia.

Primary Responsibilities:

- Provide a qualitative and quantitative observation and analysis of the polling day processes using NDI approved reporting methodology (i.e opening of polls, voting, closing of polls and counting);
- Submit observation reports on time as may be directed by the NDI Mission.
- Participate in briefing sessions for international observers of the NDI Mission in Liberia;
- Meet, consult and establish working relations with all relevant political actors in an assigned geographic region, including candidates, political parties, civil society, local community and religious leaders, media representatives, election officials, individual voters, and local citizen and other international election observers;
- Communicate any and all updates and changes in the security environment with the Mission;
- Alert the assigned Mission Staff and Core Team in Monrovia of any urgent political or critical incidents;

Required Skills and Experience:

- Bachelor's Degree preferably in international relations, law, political science, gender studies or related subject, Master's Degree preferred;
- A minimum of two (2) years relevant work experience at the national or international level with some experience in election observation (previous election observation with NDI or NDI partner methodology is an advantage);
- Demonstrated ability to work under pressure in a sensitive political environment;
- Demonstrated ability to work as a member of an internationally and culturally diverse team, while maintaining impartiality and objectivity
- Exceptional interpersonal and managerial skills and cultural sensitivity to effectively interact with all levels of local stakeholders and foreign government personnel;
- Excellent verbal and written communications skills to effectively present information in a clear and persuasive manner;
- Analytical skills for interpreting complex program and political issues;
- Experience working and living in Africa preferred;
- Willingness and readiness to be deployed in Liberia from October 5 – 13, 2017;
- Ability to work in difficult environment;
- Ability to quickly adapt to new and challenging living environments;
- Knowledge of PC-based word processing and e-mail technology;
- Must belong to and be nominated by a WAEON Member organization;
- Fluent in written and spoken English.

Comments:

Please include both **a cover letter and resume in English** (attached as .pdf or .doc file) with your application and send to info@waeon.org. All applications should reach the WAEON Secretariat **on or before Monday, August 21, 2017**. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

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