Title: Team Leader and Management Consultant
Organizational Unit: UNESCO-IICBA
Primary Location: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Duration of contract: 11 Months
Deadline (midnight, Ethiopia time): January 10th 2022
Application to be sent to: i.recruitment@unesco.org

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Background and Objective
Under the overall authority of the Assistant Director-General for Education, with guidance from the Director of the Institute for Capacity Building in Africa (IICBA), and under the direct supervision of the IICBA Senior Education Programme Specialist, the incumbent will oversee the management of the Anglophone Africa Regional Knowledge and Information Exchange (KIX) Hub and its programme activities in collaboration with all of the Consortium Partners (CPs) involved in the project, namely IICBA, UNICEF and the African Union. This person will be responsible for achieving and reporting progress, results achieved as well as managing the three other members of the project team.

Purpose of the Assignment
The KIX Hub’s purpose is to collect, generate, exchange and facilitate effective use of data, knowledge and innovation for education policy formulation and implementation among 19 Anglophone African countries in six thematic areas, namely (i) strengthening learning assessment systems, (ii) improving teaching and learning, (iii) strengthening early childhood care and education, (iv) achieving gender equality in and through education, (v) leaving no one behind, and (vi) meeting the data challenge in education.

Duties/Tasks and Expected Output:
S/he will perform the following duties:

a) Oversee the management, coordination, and monitoring of the KIX Africa 19 Hub.
b) Support knowledge synthesis and setting of regional knowledge and innovation agendas for education policy formulation and implementation.
c) Provide guidance and technical support to government partners and national officials on the use and benefits of the Hub.
d) Directly manage KIX Africa 19 Hub Project Team members, leading the team to ensure effective and efficient coordination of the Hub.

e) Liaise with the project donor, Consortium Paterners, Regional Advisory Team, Technical Committee, direct implementing partners, Developing Country Partner focal points on inputs, progress and deadlines.

f) Promote knowledge generation, experiential learning and use of the KIX Hub outcomes amongst developing country partners through advocacy and communications.

g) Report on progress made and results achieved.

h) Plan and organized in-person and virtual meetings for project team, partners and country focal points.

i) Perform any other duties as may be required by his/her supervisor and IICBA’s Director.

Timetable and Deliverables

- A join work plan prepared that highlights the planned objectives, activities, and expected outcomes for 2022 for all KIX Africa 19 Hub consortium partners’, submitted by the end of January 2022.

- A report on the strengthening of strategic planning and partnerships between the KIX Secretariat and the Regional Advisory Team and Technical Committee of the KIX project, submitted by the end of February 2022.

- A report on results of consultations with country focal points for the co-creation of contextualized action plans for countries, building towards country ownership of the hub, submitted by the end of March 2022.

- A progressive report on the hub’s work during the first quarter of the year, submitted by the end of April 2022.

- A detailed plan for contextualized capacity strengthening, bilateral learning, and experiential learning for the community of practice in teaching and learning for member states supported, submitted by the end of May 2022.

- A semi-annual report on the progress of the KIX Africa 19 Hub activities including those of the Consortium Partners, submitted by the end of June 2022.

- A report on knowledge mobilization by the community of practice in teaching and learning, submitted by the end of July 2022.

- A report on gaps in the hub’s evidence base of promising practices from national contexts and tools on scaling innovations equitably and sustainably, submitted by the end of August 2022.

- A report on the thematic research produced within the hub and plans for its utilization, submitted by the end of September 2022.

- A report on the strengthening of the hub’s evidence base of promising practices from national contexts and tools on scaling innovations equitably and sustainably, submitted by the end of October 2022.

- A report on the emerging issues from the DCPs in the education sector policy formulation and implementation along the 6 themes of the KIX Africa 19 Hub
supported through the community of practice in teaching and learning, submitted by the end of November 2022.

- A report on the one-year progress of the hub according to planned objectives and outcomes submitted by 15th December 2021.

Competencies (Core / Managerial)
- Ability to work with minimal supervision
- Communication
- Accountability
- Innovation
- Knowledge sharing and continuous improvement
- Planning and organizing
- Results focus
- Teamwork
- High level of technical writing skills, excellent communications, and analytical skills.
- Excellent organizational, networking and partnership building skills, tact and discretion
- Personality: The post requires maturity, excellent interpersonal skills, tact and diplomacy, ability to multi-task, prioritize and deliver to deadline, as well as work under pressure. A key requirement is credibility and confidence, with high level representational and partnership building skills, involving a wide range of partners (including relevant Ministries, UN Agencies, donors and civil society).

Qualifications
- Master’s degree, required, ideally in Education or another related field, a PhD preferred or its equivalent from a recognized university.

Work Experience
- At least 4 years of relevant professional experience, acquired at national and international level, in one or more of the following themes: Education policy formulation, project management, knowledge and information management or any related area
- At least five years of relevant professional experience in programme planning, management and coordination required. Preferably some of it in education and some of it in Africa.
- Demonstrated experience supervising and managing staff, including providing direct and remote technical support.
- Demonstrated experience in capacity building and mentoring of staff.
- Able to demonstrate, apply and share technical knowledge and recommendations to government partners and national officials.
- Demonstrated leadership, proactive communication and facilitation skills.
- Strong coordination, diplomacy and networking skills.
- Excellent communications, writing and editing, and analytical skills.
- Able to work effectively in a multi-cultural work environment.
- Set high standards for quality of work and consistently achieves project goals.
- Work experience with the United Nations or a specialized agency of it or with an international organization is an asset.
Languages
● Fluency (oral and written) in English with proficiency in the other language.

How to Apply
Interested applicants should send their motivation letter, CV, technical and financial proposals in English by email to: i.recruitment@unesco.org; c.c. v.kisaakye@unesco.org. Application files will have to reach IICBA on or before 10th January 2022 midnight (Addis Ababa time). Please label the subject line “Team Leader and Management Consultant 2022”.

NOTE:
● All Applications should be submitted with a clear work methodology that is costed
● Please note that only selected candidates will be contacted.

Thank you for your interest in working with UNESCO.