EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

INSTRUCTOR(S) FOR A POLICY BRIEF TRAINING WORKSHOP

AERC was established in 1988 and is one of the most active policy-relevant economic capacity building organizations in the world, with a focus on sub-Saharan Africa. The Consortium’s vision is sustained development in sub-Saharan Africa grounded in sound economic management and an informed society. Its mission is to strengthen local capacity for conducting independent, rigorous inquiry into problems pertinent to the management of African economies, through a synergetic programme combining research with postgraduate training in economics. The mission and objectives of AERC are achieved through a long-standing collaborative and networking framework of its research and training programmes, supported by an interactive communications and outreach programme.

AERC is planning to hold a 3-day Policy Brief Training Workshop from March 4 - 6, 2020 at a venue to be announced later. The course could be offered by one instructor or a team of instructors. The main objectives of the training are as follows:

1. Build capacity and skills in communicating research to maximize its uptake and impact
2. Increase understanding of policy processes, policymakers’ needs and the role of Policy Briefs
3. Increase understanding of the role of social media in communicating research and how to engage on social media platforms
4. Produce a draft Policy brief for each research project for the participants which should be finalized after the workshop with assistance provided by resource persons (instructor(s)).

Participants in the policy training workshop are researchers who will be presenting their final AERC thematic reports at the December Biannual Research Workshop to be held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. An important part of the course will consist of tutorials and exercise to improve the draft policy briefs written by the AERC researchers, exercises on how to engage media and how to use social media to communicate research findings and how to engage on social platforms. The workshop will combine lectures, tutorials and exercises. The other information on the training workshop is as follows.

1. Number of participants - about 20.
2. The participants to bring their own computers and a draft policy brief based on their AERC thematic research project.
3. The full set of materials prepared for the course by instructor will be put on flash disk or shared on a drop box.
4. Photocopying facilities on site are not available but can be done at the hotel business center (likely to be very expensive).
5. Daily session start from 9:00hrs to about 17:00hrs with lunch break of about one hour and two tea/coffee breaks of about 30 minutes each. This information should help in devising an appropriate break down and the components of the course for each day.
6. The instructor(s) will provide the agenda for the meeting and all the practice exercise for uniformity.
7. Power Point projectors and white board/flipcharts will be provided.
Selection of the instructor(s) will be based on the following criteria. Experience in offering the course, experience in writing policy briefs and how to use policy briefs, knowledge and experience in using social to disseminate research findings and engage stakeholders, knowledgeable in dealing or interacting with policy makers. If the instructors are a team, then demonstrate cohesion in the team (must have offered the course as a team) for the last few years. If you and your team have this qualification and you would like to offer the training course, you are invited to send your expression of interest to AERC. To express your interest in offering the course, kindly send your expression of interest and CV by email to procurement@aercafrica.org and copy to research@aercafrica.org outlining your experience in teaching the course. Your expression of interest will be evaluated by the AERC procurement unit and we will let you know of the outcome in a period of one week after the deadline. The evaluation will be based on the following parameters, academic qualifications and qualifications offering the course, experience in teaching the course, years of experience offering the course as a team and previous interaction with policy makers.

AERC will offer a moderate honorarium for the services provided during that period including the time required for preparation of the course. If selected, AERC will take care of the following: Air ticket to and from the venue of the workshop; accommodation; per diem, visa fee and other expenses as will be specified in the agreement letter.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION:** If you are interested, kindly respond by 31/1/2020