

Call for Applications: Country Representatives for the Africa Bioethics Network (ABN)

Africa Bioethics Network (ABN) is embarking on a transformative journey to advance ethical discourse and address pressing issues facing the African continent. We are seeking passionate and dedicated individuals to serve as Country Representatives across the African continent and contribute to our mission of promoting dialogue, sensitization, and action in tackling bioethical challenges.

About Africa Bioethics Network

ABN is a professional, non-political, and non-profit organization committed to fostering dialogue, sensitization, and action on bioethical issues impacting Africa. With a focus on health, environment, sustainability, justice, responsibility, and human rights and dignity, ABN aims to cultivate a culture of excellence and promote quality of life through ethical practices. Our network brings together multidisciplinary experts from various fields to address critical bioethical issues affecting our societies.

Background

Despite Africa's progress in various developmental aspects, there remains a significant gap in addressing ethical challenges, human rights, and human dignity. ABN recognizes the urgency for Africa to lead in bioethics discourse and endeavors to empower individuals to drive positive change in their communities.

Key Objectives

- 1. Forge partnerships and collaborations to solve regional challenges and disseminate advancements.
- 2. Establish robust partnerships with national bodies, institutions, civil society organizations, private sector entities, and academic institutions.
- 3. Promote knowledge exchange and educational programs to enhance capacity and sensitivity to diversity.
- 4. Build capacity in bioethics across the continent.
- 5. Ensure governance and communication practices are inclusive and transparent.
- 6. Address critical bioethical issues affecting African society in a holistic manner.

Requirements for Country Representatives

- 1. Be a registered member of ABN.
- 2. Reside in an African country.
- 3. Demonstrate a strong interest and understanding of bioethics, human rights, and social justice.
- 4. Possess excellent communication, networking, and leadership skills.
- 5. Commit to dedicating time and effort voluntarily to fulfill the responsibilities of the role.
- 6. Collaborate effectively with diverse stakeholders and uphold ABN's values and principles.
- 7. Show a demonstrated commitment to promoting ethical practices and community engagement.

Responsibilities of Country Representatives

- 1. Act as a liaison between ABN and stakeholders within their respective countries.
- 2. Promote ABN's mission, values, and activities within local communities and institutions.
- 3. Facilitate networking opportunities and collaborative initiatives at the national level.
- 4. Contribute insights and perspectives on bioethical issues pertinent to their region.
- 5. Participate in virtual meetings, discussions, and training sessions organized by ABN.
- 6. Facilitate the establishment and management of ABN chapters within respective countries, ensuring effective communication and collaboration.
- 7. Identify partnership opportunities, initiate discussions for joint projects, and collaborate with other bioethics organizations.
- 8. Maintain active communication channels with the Network, providing regular updates and insights from the local context.
- 9. Advocate for ethical practices, human rights, and social justice within the country and regionally.

Note: Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for further steps in the selection process.

Application Process

Interested individuals are invited to complete the following **form** and submit the following documents

- 1. Curriculum Vitae (CV) highlighting relevant experience and qualifications.
- 2. Statement of Interest outlining motivations for applying and vision for promoting bioethics in their country (maximum 500 words).

Duration of Appointment

The country representative will serve a term of two years, subject to performance reviews. The Country Representative is eligible for re-appointment as long as age and nationality criteria are met.

Deadline for Applications: February 28, 2024

Please note that this is a non-salaried role, and representatives will serve on a voluntary basis.

Join Africa Bioethics Network in championing ethical discourse, advocating for human dignity, and shaping a sustainable future for Africa and beyond. Together, let's lead the way towards a more ethical and just society.

For inquiries and submissions, please contact secretariat@africabioethicsnetwork.org.

Thank you for your interest and commitment to advancing bioethics in Africa.

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