

**Head of Mission for the European Union mission to provide advice and assistance
for security sector reform in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
(EUSEC RD Congo)**

JOB DESCRIPTION

1. Location: Kinshasa, DRC

Availability:

1 July 2015 for a period of twelve months, not renewable

Deadline for applications:

31 March 2015

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2. Position:

Head of Mission EUSEC RD Congo
RSS 01

3. Mission and tasks:

Mission:

Within the framework set by the planning documents approved by the Council, the Head of Mission shall lead the mission of the European Union EUSEC RD Congo, which is responsible for providing advice and assistance to the Congolese authorities in reforming the defence sector, and for promoting the principles of good governance. At the same time, he/ she will be responsible for developing and implementing projects in support of the defence sector in close coordination with local authorities, EU Member States and the EU Delegation.

Tasks:

- Set priorities and ensure the optimal use of available resources;
- Manage a staff of military and civilian experts engaged in different domains set by the mandate;
- Maintain an ongoing relationship with the Minister of Defence, senior officials and the Chief of Staff of the Congolese Armed Forces;
- Regularly report to the PSC and the EUMC on the implementation of the mandate;

- Ensure close coordination with the EU Delegation in Kinshasa, the European Development Programme PROGRESS (defence reform), and and (inter)national actors;
- Provide military advice to the EU Head of Delegation;
- Maintain close links to the Heads of Missions of the EU Member States in Kinshasa, especially in the field of defence;
- Assure coordination with the activities of EU Member States in the field of SSR;
- Maintain close coordination with other international actors involved in SSR in the field of defence, in particular with MONUSCO;
- Ensure the financial responsibility of the mission in conjunction with the European Commission;
- Ensure the security of the mission.

4. Qualifications/expertise:

- Good knowledge of DRC and the Great Lakes region (history, culture, political situation, security situation, situation of the military forces);
- Experience in the field, in Africa;
- Experience of central level management, preferably in an international environment;
- Knowledge of a defence organisation, preferably on army reform;
- Knowledge of the institutions and procedures of the EU.

5. Language skills:

French language required, good knowledge of English advantageous

6. Grade:

Senior officer, at least OF-5 (Colonel)

7. Security level:

SECRET EU or equivalent

Remarks:

The appointed Head of Mission will sign a contract with the European Commission. Candidates should be ready to go to Brussels at the beginning of April 2015 for a job interview.