

## Communication Expert

Sahel Consulting Agriculture and Nutrition Ltd (Sahel) is a leading management consulting firm focused on Africa's agricultural and nutrition sectors. We partner with government agencies, private sector companies, and leading international development organizations to conduct research, analyze policies, develop strategies, and implement programs that promote sustainable food security and improved nutrition. We have worked on a variety of projects across West Africa, including in Benin, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Mali, Nigeria, and Senegal.

**Job Title:** Communication Expert- Climate Early Warning System Project

**Job Type:** Fixed Term Contract

**Reports to:** Partner

**Closing Date:** Open until filled.

### Duties and Responsibilities:

- Leading strategic communications with Sahel Consulting clients and partners
- Support formulating and implementing project communications and advocacy strategies on a Sahel-led climate project.
- Prepare official briefing materials, talking points, speeches, statements, and presentations on any climate or development-related topic as necessary.
- Collaborate with technical experts to translate complex climate data and information into accessible and engaging content for various audiences.
- Publish articles and op-eds on relevant topics as necessary.
- Promote Sahel Consulting brand visibility through the effective use of the company's website and official social media accounts.
- Drive the visibility of project activities and results through collaboration with the Branding & Communication Committee.
- Manage project communication channels including digital platforms for effective and seamless communications with project stakeholders including at-risk smallholder farmers.
- Prepare regular progress reports, impact assessments, and case studies to document project achievements, lessons learned, and success stories for internal and external stakeholders.
- Organize stakeholder consultations, workshops, and forums to gather feedback, share project updates, and solicit input on system design, functionality, and user needs.
- Support the increased awareness of project mandates and goals by disseminating information, press releases, and organizing events.
- Identify and assess potential issues, concerns, and risks related to communication and advocacy, and implement corrective actions.
- Undertake regular liaison with project partners for content development, information exchange, collaborative communication efforts, and innovative communication and advocacy tools.
- Provide substantive support to ensure that communication performance indicators across all projects are monitored and achieved by project teams.
- Facilitate multi-stakeholder coordination and partnerships to ensure the sustainability and scalability of the early warning system beyond the project lifecycle.
- Establish monitoring and evaluation frameworks to track the impact and effectiveness of communication activities, stakeholder engagement efforts, and advocacy campaigns.

### Minimum Required Skills & Experience:

**Professional Qualifications:**

- BSc or master's degree in communication, information technology environmental science, climate change, international development, or related field.
- Minimum of three years of work experience in such a position with demonstrated results focus, skills, and a track record of delivering beyond expectations.
- Strong communication abilities including planning organizing events, project visibility, and capturing impacts.
- Familiarity with and commitment to advocating gender equality and inclusiveness is also required.
- Ability to shape a vision and strategy.
- Able to create a positive narration of program achievements.
- Superior interpersonal and cross-cultural communication skills
- Strong negotiation and diplomatic skills to support effective work through implementing partners.
- Fluency in the English language, and excellent writing and presentation skills.
- Ability to understand new issues quickly and make wise decisions.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite, including Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Outlook.
- Familiarity with project management approaches, tools, and phases of the project lifecycle
- Preference is for candidates who have worked as a Communications Officer in a top consulting firm.

**Position based:** Abuja with occasional travels across Nigeria

**Method of Application:** Qualified and interested applicants should forward their CVs to [recruiting@sahelconsult.com](mailto:recruiting@sahelconsult.com) with a **Communications Expert** as the subject of the mail. Due to the high volume of applicants, please understand that we can contact only those who meet the minimum qualifications.

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