

Call for Applicants: ISOOKO-CPD in Digital Archiving and Peacebuilding Programme: Re-Advertised

Programme Background:

A team of researchers from the college of Computing and Information Sciences (CoCIS) Makerere University are implementing an EU-ISOOKO project that is aimed at developing an open-source, participatory software platform that supports peace education and reconciliation in post-conflict societies by providing a digital 'safe space' in which communities can participate in distributed, information-driven processes of reflection and informed, constructive dialogue. As the ISOOKO Makerere team, one of the tasks in achieving this objective is to develop and carry out training programmes. The researchers conducted a Training Needs Assessment (TNA) within the East African region (Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda) in order to identify the training needs in regards to ISOOKO project objectives through which the following training needs were identified: Processing and preserving artefacts, Digital Archiving and Curation, Digital content management, Collection development of artefacts, conflict and peace development initiatives, Conflict resolution and management, Disaster preparedness and control, Reconciliation and negotiation skills, Video Editing, Communication skills, Digital Security, Museum management and Digital Photography. A modularized CPD with four modules was proposed; designed to impart knowledge and skills in peace building and digital archiving. The key objectives of the CPD are to:

- Provide training on foundations, tutorials and hands-on practical sessions on peace building and digital archiving;
- Enable tutors to apply peace building and digital archiving contexts so that learners acquire in-depth knowledge and apply it to complex, real-world problems;
- Enable participants acquire a more proactive approach to project implementation as a result of the training

We are therefore seeking applications for a pilot 4-weeks CPD programme in Digital Archiving and Peacebuilding. Applications are open from **Monday 25th January 2021** to **Sunday 7th February 2021**. The Programme will begin on the **20th February 2021** and end on **14th March 2021**. Successful Applicants will be notified by **15th February 2021**.

Eligibility:

Librarians, Curators, Archivists, Records Managers, Journalists, Human Rights Activists, Academics, NGOs Programme Officers, Social Workers, Community Development Officers (CDOs), Councilors, Cultural institution documentalists, Conservators, Preservators, Peace building Champions, and any other person interested in knowledge and skills in digital Archiving and Peace building from Uganda, Kenya and Rwanda are eligible to apply for admission to this programme.

- Qualifications: at least a first degree in information science, archival sciences, journalism, human rights and peacebuilding, community development, social work and/or related field from a recognised and/or accredited higher education institution.
- Age eligibility 25 – 35 years;
- Work experience: at least 2 years;
(Exceptions, for age and work experience, will be considered on a case-by-case basis when accompanied by a strong motivational letter from your supervisor)
- The availability of the required technologies in your current work environment that will help you in your study;
- Past academic performance;
- Proficiency in English;
- Willingness and ability to share what is learned with others;
- Demonstrated commitment of participant's home institution to supporting, sharing and the future development activities;
- Willingness and ability to work as a team member;
- Interest in documentation, archival and peacebuilding.

Mode of Delivery and duration:

The training sessions for this Pilot ISOOKO-CPD Programme will be conducted online using our online training platforms for a period of one (1) month – 4 weeks.

This four-week training programme with both practical (80%) and theoretical (20%) components will cover the following four modules:

- Digital Archiving and Photography
- Digital Security
- Museum and Peace Education
- Conflict Management and Peace building

Application Process

The following documents should be emailed to Mwanje Ssenono Aloysius at samwanje@cis.mak.ac.ug: and copied to sarkaddu2@gmail.com

- An application letter clearly demonstrating your interests in the Programme
- An updated Curriculum Vitae (according to the specified template available [here](#))
- A recommendation from your current employer / line manager, highlighting:
 1. Your current interests and skills in Documentation, Archiving and peacebuilding initiatives;
 2. Their willingness to release you for the training
- Academic documents and transcripts;
- Prospective candidates will be required to write an essay of approximately 1000 words highlighting:
 - Why they would like to participate in the programme,
 - What they hope to learn from the programme,
 - Why they should be selected for the programme and
 - What they hope to contribute to the programme.

Applicants should demonstrate the following in their essays:

- Willingness and ability to share what is learned with others;
- Demonstrated commitment of participant's home institution to supporting and sharing future development activities;
- Interest in documentation, data security, archival and peacebuilding initiatives

The Grant

The Pilot ISOOKO-CPD Programme is a fully funded. The grant excludes:

- Personal expenses
- ICT equipment such as laptops, modems, Internet access top-ups etc.

Important Dates

Applications open : **25th January 2021**

Applications close : **7th February 2021**

Successful Candidates will be notified by **15th February 2021**

The Programme will commence on **20th February 2021**

All correspondences or enquiries should be addressed to:

Mwanje Ssenono Aloysius

ISOOKO-CPD Coordinator

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Deadline: 5:00p.m. Sunday, 7th February 2021

Only short listed candidates will be contacted.