

## Job Vacancy

### **Programme Manager for “Democracy and Sustainable Development” at the Multinational Development Policy Dialogue (MDPD) of Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung in Brussels**

The Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) is a Political Foundation of the Federal Republic of Germany committed to the legacy of Konrad-Adenauer with over 110 country offices worldwide. Our commitment to the global support of democracy and the rule of law is based on a partnership approach between equals. Political Dialogue and consultancy services are tailor-made to the respective socio-economic and political framework conditions of partner countries and is always elaborated in close cooperation with local partners.

The Multinational Development Policy Dialogue (MDPD) of KAS is a bridge-builder between the foundation's vast partner network in the Global South and the European Union. We facilitate dialogue and exchange to sensitize European policymakers for perceptions and assessments from developing countries with the objective to make European development policy more context responsive. The MDPD consists of three thematic pillars: (1) Foreign and Security Policy, (2) Climate and Energy and (3) Democracy and Sustainable Development.

We connect the EU-institutions with our global partner network, including parliamentarians, policy-makers, political parties, media representatives, think tanks and civil society. Our activities include public events, high-level conferences and dialogue programmes, closed-door background talks and exclusive policy workshops.

Our work on “Democracy and Sustainable Development” focuses on the following main pillars:

- 1) Addressing the issue of shrinking democratic spaces by enhancing global research and peer to peer dialogues on political party cooperation, media freedom/disinformation and the rule of law

- 2) Providing feedback, analyses and dialogues on the nexus of Trade and Sustainable Development
- 3) Promoting constructive dialogues on approaches to European development policy
- 4) Strengthening dialogues between youth from the global south and EU institutions on above mentioned issues and policies
- 5) Advocating for a strong focus on gender policy in all external relations of the EU

In this context, we coordinate closely with our offices around the globe and our specialised regional programmes on Political Party Support/Political Dialogue, Media and Rule of Law Programmes in the Asia-Pacific Region, Latin America, Sub-Sahara Africa and the MENA region, as well as the KAS-Headquarter in Berlin.

To complement the team, KAS-MDPD Brussels seeks to hire a Programme Manager for “Democracy and Sustainable Development”, starting as soon as possible, ideally on: **01.08.2022**

#### **Job Profile:**

Full-time position Programme Manager (38h/week)

The successful candidate will work in close cooperation with the MDPD Programme Director and will facilitate:

#### **Main Responsibilities:**

- Conception and coordination of the MDPD's work on EU development policy and democracy support, including advocacy, research, contact and budget management.
- Assist with the logistics of our activities, contractual management and development of an expert database
- Initiation of and contribution to policy papers, studies and podcasts on relevant topics
- Representation of KAS-MDPD as a moderator, speaker and participant in relevant forums, including at public events, conferences and workshops
- Conceptualization and coordination of visiting programmes to the EU-institutions for our partners from third countries
- Organization of country-specific thematic briefings of KAS colleagues who are preparing for an assignment abroad
- Ensure strong and regular engagement/networking with our partners in third countries and the EU-institutions
- Participate in the Democracy Working Group of the European Network of Political Foundations (ENoP)

**Required qualifications:**

- A university degree in political science, law, economics or social sciences ideally with a focus on sustainable development, international relations and/or European studies
- Very good understanding and knowledge of EU-institutions and the EU's development policies
- Very good knowledge of the European Development/Trade Policy and Democracy Support Policies of the EU
- Diplomatic sensitivity and relevant experience in dealing with developing countries, emerging powers and the EU
- Three years of relevant work experience (if topically related, internships may qualify as work experience)
- Outstanding analytical and project management skills
- Very good communication skills, including the ability and willingness to represent KAS-MDPD publicly
- Excellent English language skills and good written and oral German skills
- Identification with the socio-political orientation of KAS

**What we offer:**

We offer a competitive remuneration under Belgium Labour Law and a pleasant working environment in a highly motivated team. We make learning and development an integral part of your work through challenging assignments, coaching, mentoring, and providing in-house and external learning opportunities.

If you are interested in our objectives and work and if your skills match the job profile, we look forward to receiving your written application by latest **15.07.2022**. Please, send your CV and 1-page cover letter by email to:

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**Please note that only successful candidates will receive a reply.**