



African Library &
Information Associations
& Institutions



Job specifications for a Curriculum Development Consultant

The Project

AfLIA has received a second grant from Wikimedia Foundation to develop and run a course **Wikidata: linking up and increasing the visibility of library collections in Africa**. Specifically, the grant is to train;

- At least 200 information professionals in 20 countries in Africa to understand on how to effectively open up and link knowledge by making their library collections more visible through **Wikidata**,
- African information professionals to gain **Wikidata** skills for uploading meta of collections in bulk, manipulation of the data of collections via platforms like the SPARQL Query Service and increasing the reach and access of the unique collections of African libraries
- On how to connect collections through linking local metadata with a network of global metadata
- On use of **Wikidata** as a database and visualization tool for mapping knowledge
- On use of **Wikidata** to change bibliographic description to structured data
- On use of **Wikidata** to describe the structure of information resources
- African information professionals on how to integrate **Wikidata** into other Wikimedia projects and
- Stepping-down skills learned to their user communities through at least 20 hybrid **Wikidata** edit-athons across Africa as well as
- Nurture relationships between Wikipedia communities in Africa with libraries. This is expected to lead to collaborations with librarians during and after the life-cycle of the project.

What we want you to do

Job Specifications

The Curriculum development expert will work for **2months** with the Course Manager/Facilitator to develop a course ***Wikidata: linking up and increasing the visibility of library collections in Africa*** by;

1. Identifying, breaking down key components, revision, enhancing and expansion of other training courses on Wikidata
2. Drawing up a syllabus and creating learning materials that take into cognisance the digital skills set, Internet facilities/penetration, learning milieu in Africa as well as African values, examples and meanings for the proposed course
3. Building a learning framework that matches key learning objectives of the project with expected outcomes
4. Developing modules (unit structures) with reading materials, exercises and assignments to fit into the timeframe (6weeks) for a Cohort and 3weeks for a test pilot.
5. Developing Reflection/Feedback sections to be integrated into every module to enable the project team to feel the pulse of the participants for each module (including assignments done) that may lead to necessary adjustments in other modules
6. Provision of extra reading resources where feasible
7. Work closely with the Course Manager/Facilitator to ensure that the exercises and assignments in each module are practicable from the Wikidata standpoint
8. Support the efforts of the Course Manager/Facilitator to ensure that the adapted training materials with timelines and grading plan are submitted to the Executive Director, AfLIA, by 17th November, 2022.

Thus, you should essentially have;

- A higher degree in education
- Minimum five years teaching/curriculum development experience
- Knowledge of and competencies in designing learning for online delivery
- Experience in the design of e-learning curriculum that reflects African multicultural values and meanings
- Experience in creating teaching resources that reflect best practices for active online learning
- Ability to draw up learning design and delivery processes for the achievement of stated objectives
- Experience with evaluating learning needs
- Ability to work in a team
- Able to work remotely and deliver on deadlines

Also desirable are;

- Effective writing and communication skills in English
- Knowledge of Wikidata as a learning and research platform
- Knowledge of materials for training or working with librarians in the African context
- Good interpersonal skills