Title	Senior Policy Advisor (International Position)
Organization	Independent Joint Anti-Corruption Monitoring and Evaluation Committee (MEC)
Duty Station	Kabul
Duration	Through 31st December 2019, with possibility of extension
No. of Jobs	1
Nationality	International
Sex	Male or Female
Salary Range	According to MEC International Employee salary scale
Announcing Date	02 March, 2019
Closing Date	16 March, 2019
Shift	8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Saturday through Wednesday (weekend work may be required)
Experience	Anti-Corruption & Afghanistan experience perferred

Background

MEC (www.mec.af) was created after the need for independent monitoring and evaluation of anti-corruption efforts was identified at a series of international conferences. MEC is wholly independent of the Government of Afghanistan, and receives financial support from the international community. This independence ensures that MEC is capable of carrying out its mandate in a transparent manner without undue influence. The governing Committee, which is made up of 3 Afghan and 3 international anti-corruption experts, meets in Afghanistan quarterly, normally resulting in the setting of recommendations and benchmarks. MEC issues regular reports every three months, with interim reports being issued regularly. The Committee is supported by a technical secretariat of national and international staff led by an Executive Director. This position would assure that all MEC research incorporates key anti-corruption issues from the Afghan and international legal frameworks for transparency and good governance, supports MEC's external engagements, particularly with donors and stakeholders, and supervises the MEC Communications Team. The Senior Policy Advisor will report to the Executive Director.

Job Summary

Senior Policy Advisor (SPA) will provide International Anti-Corruption expertise to MEC and within the Technical Secretariat on the daily basis. The Advisor will act as lead liaison with Donors and international stakeholders, keeping them well informed about MEC programs and activities, collecting knowledge about donors' plans and intentions, and supervise the MEC Communications Team. The Advisor will also lead on capacity development in relation to Anti-Corruption expertise for MEC's staff.

Duties and Responsibilities

The Policy Advisor of the International Joint Anti-Corruption Monitoring and Evaluation Committee (MEC) will be under the overall guidance of MEC and the direct management of the Executive Director (ED). The Senior Policy Advisor will be expected to perform the following tasks, subject to operating procedures to be decided by MEC:

- The SPA will represent MEC to Embassy officials, Donors and International stakeholders.
- The SPA will be responsible for providing the authoritative overview of the status of Anti-Corruption activities in the country and especially all international aspects of this.
- The SPA will lead on capacity development in relation to anti-corruption expertise for MEC staff.
- The SPA will provide guidance, supervision, and hands-on support to the MEC

Communications team.

- The SPA will assure that all MEC products include suitable references to international laws and best practices.
- The SPA will perform any other relevant tasks assigned by the Executive Director and the Committee.

Summary of key functions:

- Provide the policy advice, recommend and design appropriate strategy for collection and dissemination of information on anti-corruption policies and activities.
- Advise leadership in building alliances and networks, and strengthening of civil society organizations at regional and national levels for enhanced advocacy efforts and greater participation in policy advocacy through MEC.

- Analyze the anti-corruption scenarios in the country and come up with priorities to be addressed through MEC.
- Analyze the political, social, and economic developments as they relate to anti-corruption.
- Analyze the legal frameworks on anti-corruption in Afghanistan.
- Analyze the role and performance of various stakeholders in Afghanistan.
- Study and propose feasible approaches to anti-corruption in specific sectors of Afghanistan.
- Coordinate and collect information on anti-corruption policies and activities through the three technical pillars of MEC's technical teams in the MEC Secretariat
- Lead research/mapping of the key anti-corruption actors and their strategies to engage with them through MEC.
- Advise MEC through Executive Director in coalition building and strategic partnership development and harmonizing the anti-corruption movement in Afghanistan.
- Provide regular updates to the Executive Director on the progress and achievements in the activities of the Communications team.
- Ensure close coordination with Government counterparts, international community, civil society and other stakeholders.
- Take part in relevant coordination of forums and meetings related to the mandate of the MEC Secretariat.
- Analyze research material and prepare input to white papers/position papers and policy briefs used in discussing policy change and modification of legislation for MEC.
- Identify and profile stories with learning impact.
- Based on MEC recommendations, develop and implement lobbying strategies for tactfully engaging Government to act against corruption.
- Support the development and growth of ties to the targeted entities and Ministries at all stages of development of MEC products – Assuring continuity of MEC engagement before, during and after any research is undertaken, including the sustained success of M&E on implementation of MEC's recommendations in the post-publication phase.
- Directly engage with the Communications team in messaging on all platforms and formats, including concise and professional Press Releases, social media presence, pre-release press briefings, journalist education events, identification of notable successes within the scope of MEC's M&E activities, and general strengthening of the Secretariat's support to the effectiveness of the Communication team.

Qualifications
Education and Experience:

- University degree in law, political science and or similar field.

- At least 10 years of experience in governance, rule of law or similar in development environments.

- Highly desirable that a significant proportion of this experience be related to anti-corruption.

- Native English Speaker with top-level reading and writing skills.

- Experience of working in Afghanistan is an advantage.

- Experience in advocacy or policy at the senior level and good presentation skills.

How to Apply:
Candidates can apply for the position by sending their cover letter and CV in one PDF or Microsoft Word document, named in the following way:

"LAST_NAME_first_name.pdf" or "LAST_NAME_first_name.doc." Supplementary documents - degrees, certificates, etc. - should not be sent at this stage.
The single PDF or Word file should be emailed to jobs@mec.af with the subject line "Senior Policy Advisor" by 16 March 2019.

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