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RE: COMMUNIQUÉ

The Secretariat of the United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (UNAFRI) presents its compliments to the Embassy of the Republic of Sudan in Kampala, and has the honour to inform that the Institute is in the process of building a database of experts to support knowledge-based programmes and initiatives for the development of African States.

The Secretariat, in this regard, attaches herewith a copy of the COMMUNIQUÉ which gives the details of this request and search for experts in the area of crime prevention and criminal justice to constitute the database of experts for reference by the Institute.

The Secretariat of UNAFRI requests the Embassy to forward the COMMUNIQUÉ to institutions of higher learning for interested experts to forward their CVs, contacts and specification of areas of their technical competence on email: unafri@unafri.or.ug; unafriu@yahoo.co.uk

The Secretariat of the United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (UNAFRI) avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the Republic of Sudan in Kampala, the assurances of its highest consideration.

Kampala, March 23, 2023

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COMMUNIQUÉ

FOR WIDE DISTRIBUTION TO ACADEMICS AND LEGAL PROFESSIONALS

Director, United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (UNAFRI)

Kampala, Uganda

TO

Ladies and gentlemen

- Full time Professors and Lecturers of the Faculties of Law and Social Sciences of the Universities
- Lecturers in Law and Social Sciences
- Researchers in criminal law, criminology, criminal sciences and penitentiaries
- Human rights specialists

The United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (UNAFRI) extends its warmest greetings to you and has the honor to inform you that, as part of its activities, it is seeking the best profiles on criminal law, criminology, criminal science and penitentiary issues, and more particularly specialists in counter-terrorism issues, illicit drug trafficking, small arms and light weapons, trafficking in human beings, corruption and embezzlement of public funds, transnational organized crime, cybercrime, extradition and mutual legal assistance, gender, race and ethnicity issues, and all related to those listed.

The response to this request will enable the Institute to develop a database of experts on these issues, who can be called upon for various activities carried out by the Institute, including training, scientific events, research and studies.

In addition, the United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders is planning to launch ***the UNAFRI Journal: African Journal of Comparative Criminal Law and Criminal and Penitentiary Science.***

The journal will publish academic articles, legislation, commentaries on court decisions, and relevant professional practice statements on topics falling within the Institute's missions.

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The UNAFRI Journal will be published biannually. However, it may later become quarterly if the large number of contributions received on a regular basis inspires this change.

Any person eligible to respond to this call for expressions of interest is kindly requested to send to the Secretariat of the Institute his/her detailed Curriculum Vitae (CV), indicating his/her qualifications, diplomas obtained, specialty, number of years of experience in this specialty, and any studies and research already carried out in the sector concerned.

Any Professor, Associate Professor, Lecturer and any expert on the issues dealt with by the Institute who wishes to be part of the Scientific Committee of the Journal is kindly requested to send a letter to the Secretariat of the Institute to this effect, together with his CV.

Please find below, for your convenience, a brief presentation of UNAFRI, its member States and missions.

I- Brief presentation of UNAFRI

The United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (UNAFRI) is an intergovernmental organization established by the Conference of Ministers of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA). This initiative was the result of the following resolutions: Resolution 1979/20 of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations; Resolution 392 (XV) of the Conference of Ministers of UNECA of April 1980; Resolution 4 of the Seventh United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, endorsed by the General Assembly of the United Nations in its Resolution 40/32; and Resolution 609 (XXII) of the Conference of Ministers of UNECA of April 1987.

Those Resolutions reaffirmed the importance and role of the Institute in assisting member States in assessing crime trends in the region and their impact on national development in developing policies and programs for the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders; in promoting criminal justice reforms in the context of development; and in promoting technical cooperation among African countries in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice.

Prior to UNAFRI, several other institutes with similar objectives had already been established in some parts of the world and continue to operate to date. The first Institute was established in 1961 for Asia and Far East (UNAFEI), based in Tokyo, Japan; the second in 1975 for Latin America (ILANUD), based in San Jose, Costa Rica; the third Regional Institute (HEUNI) was established in 1981 in Helsinki, Finland, for European countries, among others.

UNAFRI is emerging as a regional mechanism that can help to eliminate all forms of crime in Africa. It promotes respect for human rights and human dignity, respect for the rule of law, justice, race, ethnicity and cultural diversity.

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II- UNAFRI member States

All African States are eligible to be members of UNAFRI. However, out of 54 African States, only 29 have signed the Statute of UNAFRI: Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Congo Brazzaville, Equatorial Guinea, Egypt, Ghana, the Gambia, Guinea, Kenya, Libya, Malawi, Morocco, Mozambique, the Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, the Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

III- Brief description of UNAFRI missions

The objectives of UNAFRI are:

"*i-* Contribute to the development of policies and programs for the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders in the context of overall national development planning;

(ii) Design and conduct training programs for different categories of personnel dealing exclusively or partly with criminal justice, including policymakers, administrators, judges, prosecutors, lawyers, police and prison officials, teachers, social workers, researchers, etc., with a focus on training trainers through special interdisciplinary courses, workshops, seminars, refresher courses, internships, study tours, in order to strengthen this public service sector and to provide new knowledge and skills;

(iii) Undertake policy-oriented studies and research on priority issues in the region, including the collection of information on crime trends and their impact on development and crime prevention and criminal justice policies and programs in the region, in order to provide an empirical ground for policy development and decision-making;

(iv) Contribute to the establishment of effective policies and programs for the prevention and control of juvenile crime and delinquency and for the treatment of juvenile offenders;

(v) Create the framework for a data bank and promote the exchange and transfer of knowledge, expertise and experience and the dissemination of information to Governments, practitioners, implementing agencies, researchers and organizations concerned with these issues;

(vi) To contribute to the promotion of innovations in crime prevention and criminal justice reforms in accordance with United Nations standards and guidelines, and African traditions and policies and developments in this field;

vii- Promote cooperation among the Governments of the region in the development of common policies and the implementation of joint action on matters of mutual interest in the field of crime prevention and control; including the signing of appropriate legal agreements and practical arrangements, at the regional and sub-regional levels".

In the hope that this communiqué will be of interest to academics and other experts on the issues dealt with by UNAFRI, please, kindly, accept, ladies and gentlemen, the assurance of my highest consideration.

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