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## Commissioner, Economic Development, Trade, Tourism, Industry and Minerals (ETTIM)

Job Profile			
Reports to	Chairperson of the African Union Commission	Directorate/Department	Economic Development, Trade, Tourism, Industry and Minerals (ETTIM)
Number of Direct Reports	Two (2) Directors	Division	N/A
Number of Directorates and Agencies	2 Directorates and 1 Specialised Technical Office	Job Family	Elected Official
Job Grade	SP3	Level	Six (6)
Location:	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia		

<b>AU Values</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Think Africa Above all</li> <li>• Integrity and Impartiality</li> <li>• Efficiency and Professionalism</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transparency and Accountability</li> <li>• Respect for Diversity and Teamwork</li> <li>• Information and Knowledge Sharing</li> </ul>
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Context
<p>Under the direct authority of the Chairperson of the AU Commission, this position is responsible for driving the implementation of Economic Development, Trade, Industry and Minerals policies, programs and strategies in line with the aspirations of Agenda 2063, the associated medium-term plans and other key continental legal and policy frameworks. Leads engagement with the AU Member States and strategic partners in the delivery of the portfolio's continental priorities. The Commissioner shall have a high commitment to pan-African values and the guiding principles of the African Union.</p>

Main functions

- a) Sets the vision and priorities of the Economic Development, Trade, Tourism, Industry and Minerals department through translation of the aspirations of the AU Agenda 2063 into concrete implementable programmes to pursue the objectives of Member States;
- b) Sets annual performance targets for the Economic Development, Trade, Industry and Minerals portfolio and report on annual progress to Specialized Technical Committees and AU Policy Organs;
- c) Provides regular reports to the Chairperson of the Commission on portfolio delivery;
- d) Carries out effective regular engagement and collaboration with, and timely reporting to the PRC and respective subcommittees;
- e) Drives the implementation of the AU Institutional Reform Agenda as part of the senior leadership team;
- f) Provides leadership and guidance to Directors in the implementation of policies and programs within the portfolio;
- g) Engages with Member States in order to pursue the Commission's work to promote domestication of AU Agenda 2063 at the regional and national level by Member States;
- h) Leads partnership negotiations and resource mobilization with Strategic Partners to finance continental programs and priorities;
- i) Co-ordinates Specialized Technical Committees to promote the achievement of the departmental mandate;
- j) Strengthens regional coordination, cooperation and integration initiatives and ensure an effective division of labour with Member States and Regional Economic Communities
- k) Ensures effective collaboration in programme development with the AU Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD);
- l) Collaborates with other members of the senior leadership team to ensure strategic coherence and overall synergy in the implementation of the Commission's programme and the delivery of high impact results for the continent;
- m) Cultivates a knowledge management culture through promotion of research and publications that will ensure knowledge sharing and transfer within the department and with other departments across the Commission; and
- n) Supervises Directors and inspires the highest standard of ethics, performance, and delivery across the portfolio.

## Specific Responsibilities

- a) Strategic leadership in the attainment of the vision, aims and objectives of the Treaty establishing the African Economic Community;
- b) Drives the development of continental policies, programmes and projects aimed at attaining rapid and inclusive sustainable development across Africa;
- c) Leads the development of policies of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) and assist Member States to develop supplementary agreements.
- d) Leads partnership negotiations with the private sector to expand investment, manufacturing, minerals, tourism, and trade across Africa;
- e) Leads the coordination efforts for the establishment of Africa Union Financial Institutions provided under the Abuja Treaty and Article 19 of the Constitutive Act of African Union namely (Africa Central Bank, Africa Investment Bank, Africa Monetary Fund and Africa Stock Exchange to promote economic integration;
- f) Champions the implementation of the African Minerals Vision (AMV) framework to promote transparency, social responsibility and tax compliance in the extractive industry;
- g) Coordinates Member States' efforts in eliminating illicit financial flows in Africa in collaboration with strategic partners;
- h) Develops and implements a comprehensive continental tourism strategy aimed at promoting Africa as a premier global destination, enhancing intra-African travel, and fostering sustainable tourism practices that prioritize local communities and ecological conservation. This includes leveraging the AfCFTA to ease travel restrictions, improve tourism-related infrastructure, and encourage investment in the tourism sector.
- i) Coordinates with Member States to better integrate tourism into national economic development plans, focusing on cultural heritage, ecotourism, and digital innovation in the tourism industry. This effort involves collaboration with local communities, the private sector, and international partners to create inclusive opportunities for employment and entrepreneurship in the tourism sector, while also showcasing Africa's diverse cultures and landscapes on the global stage.
- j) Develops and oversees the implementation of a pan-African oil and gas strategy that aims to enhance energy security, promote sustainable and environmentally friendly extraction practices, and maximize the economic benefits of the continent's oil and gas resources. This strategy should emphasize the development of regional value chains, encourage the local processing of oil and gas products, and foster the integration of African oil and gas markets through the AfCFTA.

## Key Relationships

### Internal Relationships

- Executive Council of the African Union
- Permanent Representatives Committee
- Other AU organs
- Specialised Technical Committees
- AUDA-NEPAD
- Africa Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Secretariat
- Chairperson
- Deputy Chairperson
- Director General
- Other Commissioners
- Other Directorates

### External Relationships

Guided by African ownership and leadership of the relevant policy Institutions :

- AU Member States
- Regional Economic Communities (RECs)
- International development partners
- UN Agencies and Institutions
- International and regional trade bodies and institutions
- African Development Bank
- African private sector
- Civil Society Organizations
- African Research Institutions and Policy Think Tanks

## Academic Requirements

- Master's degree in Economics, Finance, International Development, Mathematics, Statistics, Engineering, Public Policy or closely related field from a recognized institution.
- A PhD in Economics, Finance, International Development, Mathematics, Statistics, Engineering, Public Policy or closely related field from a recognized institution is an added advantage.

## Relevant Experience

- Have not less than eighteen (18) years of relevant professional experience with at least ten (10) years served in a senior leadership role preferably in an intergovernmental organization or national government/public service, international or regional institution.

## Language(s)

- Proficiency in one of the AU working languages. Fluency in another AU working language is highly desirable.

## Required Skills

- Demonstrated leadership experience with strategic vision and proven skills in managing complex organizations at the national, regional or international level;
- Demonstrated record of setting clear standards for accountability, probity, value for money and risk management and zero tolerance to fraud and corruption; for ensuring sound and transparent financial management; and delivering continuous improvement, impact, efficiency and effectiveness;
- Demonstrated intellectual leadership, creativity and proven ability to propose new ideas and lead on new ways of working across silos in a complementary and synergistic way for a prosperous and peaceful Africa;
- Proven track record of change management and accomplishments at the regional, national or international level with strong resource mobilization, political and diplomatic skills;
- Demonstrated ability to work harmoniously in a multi-cultural team and establish harmonious and effective working relationships both within and outside the organization;
- Proven ability to inspire, encourage, build trust and confidence and build consensus, stimulate effective campaigns and drive collective action among a broad spectrum of people and organizations.

## Leadership Competencies

- **Strategic Focus:** - Determines and outlines the portfolio's strategic priorities and connects the portfolio's purpose to that of the broader organization vision and values. Inspires others and the organization to achieve beyond expectations. Proactively identifies and prioritizes the key issues involved to facilitate executive decision-making and makes well-informed, effective, and timely decisions, even when data is limited, or solutions produce unpleasant consequences; perceives the impact and implications of decisions.
- **Developing Organizational Capability:** - Promotes and catalyzes organizational learning and development to ensure that the portfolio is well positioned to meet future leadership needs and mentors others to enhance their development.
- **Change Leadership:** - Acts as a catalyst for organizational change. Influences others to translate vision into action and identifies change opportunities and champion organizational change initiatives – consistently looks for ways to improve the portfolio or organization. Understands multiple cultural frameworks, values, and norms. Demonstrates an ability to adapt style when faced with myriad dimensions of culture in order to be effective across cultural contexts. Able to resolve conflicts arising from competing objectives, limited resources, or differing perspectives and seeks amicable solutions
- **Strategic Risk Management:** - Manage the organization's and portfolio's reputation by making risk-intelligent decisions and using sound judgement in highly complex situations based on an assessment of the risks and benefits, impacts.
- **Ethics and Integrity: Maintains** the highest standard of ethics and integrity and inspires the same in team members

## Core Competencies

- **Building Partnerships:** - Develops networks and builds alliances; collaborates across boundaries to build strategic relationships and achieve common goals to foster organizational goals through proactive engagement with key stakeholders. Perceives organizational and political reality and acts accordingly.
- **Drives Accountability Culture:** - Determines objectives, sets priorities and develops longer-term goals and proactively influences how resources, services, etc. are re-organized to achieve goals and offering recommendations on issues of accountability for improvement. Holds self and others accountable for measurable high-quality, timely, and cost-effective results.
- **Learning Agility and Resilience:** - Engages in systematic and development activities aligned with the strategic needs of the organisation. Promotes ongoing learning and development across the organization, develops personal and professional goals and makes insightful career planning decisions to achieve (or alter) these goals. Deals effectively with pressure; remains optimistic and persistent, even under adversity. Recovers quickly from setbacks.
- **Communicating with impact:** - Projects authority, credibility and influences external executive decision makers to achieve substantive goals. Uses personal rather than positional power to influence and motivate others to achieve results and presents the key points of an argument persuasively. Negotiates and facilitates through cultural differences, conflicts, tensions, or misunderstandings.

## Functional Competencies

- **Conceptual Thinking:** - Creates new concepts that are not obvious to others to think through issues and/or resolve problems.
- **Job Knowledge Sharing:** - Fosters and enables a knowledge and information-rich culture through engaging with thought leaders within and outside the organization.
- **Drive for Results:** - Drives high performance standards from goal creation to continuous improvement. Commits significant resources and/or time (in the face of uncertainty) to improve performance, reach a challenging goal and implements innovative solutions.
- **Fosters Innovation:** - Develops new insights into situations; questions conventional approaches; encourages new ideas and innovations; designs and implements new or cutting-edge programs/processes for the overall performance of the organization and the portfolio.

## Note

The requirements and responsibilities contained in this job description do not create a contract of employment and are not meant to be all-inclusive. It may be changed by the role manager during employment on an as-needed basis.

**The regional nominations shall be received by the Commission (Office of the Legal Counsel) hand delivered in sealed envelopes on or before 17hrs (5pm) Addis Ababa Time of 6 August 2024**