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Job Title:	Information and Technology (IT) Manager – Global Secretariat				
Cluster:	Resource Mobilisation and Innovation Cluster		Team:	Digital and Technology	
Grade and Salary:	Grade E		Contract Type:	Permanent	
Location:	Johannesburg or Nairobi or London		Budget Holder:	Yes ⊠ No □	
Reports to: (incl matrix reporting)	Head of Digital and Technology				
Direct Reports:	IT Assistant – Nairobi Hub, IT Assistant – Johannesburg hub				
Matrix Reports:	None (Role requires managing collaborative professional relationship with corporate systems vendors, IT process outsourcing firms, business systems outsourcing vendors for the GS and Federation)				
Operational Remit:	Globa	l⊠ Regional □	Country Specif	ic □ Global Secretariat □	
DBS (CRB) / Police Check:	Yes ⊠ No □				
Job Role					
Role Overview:		Responsible for the management of IT infrastructure in the Global Secretariat, including managing core systems in the Data Centre and optimising use of cloud services. The role also supports the implementation of the technology requirements of the Digital and Technology Strategy, including IT security and governance in the federation, relying on outsourcing as required in the UK Data centre and Cloud services.			
Areas of Responsibilities		Key Activities			
1. AAI Values Practice & Strategy Change Priorities		 Leading Innovation and Change Establish a culture of excellence in respective team that values experimentation and continuous improvement Feminist Leadership: Championing feminist leadership principles and values including commitment to diversity and inclusion (race, gender, power) AAI Values Practice: Ensure personal and team culture that demonstrates all of AAI values including: Mutual Respect, Equity and Justice, Integrity, Solidarity with People Living in Poverty and Exclusion, Courage of Conviction, Independence and Humility 			
2. Delivery on Strategic Priorities		 Act as a Chan embracing the Promote team community, ma 	new ways of worki work and collabora	community within the Federation ing. tion within the federation IT providing guidance while motivating	

2. Lead on Global Secretariat IT processes and procedures

- Develop Plan, organise, direct, control and evaluate the operations of all IT infrastructure including IT assets of both local and wide area networks.
- Ensure high level of IT continuity plans for core systems are maintained and tested to the agreed standards and frequency.
- Lead on IT process mapping and infrastructure projects management
- Review and communicate impact of new solution rollouts and coordinate country IT on solution rollouts
- Provide technical input to the business on new technology solutions and advise on risk management strategies and impact
- Manage the Asset Register for all GS owned equipment
- Oversee procurement of IT equipment to ensure it meets our requirements, provides value for money, is efficient and promotes standardisation

3. Monitor and maintain technology to optimum levels (primarily through outsourced suppliers)

- Accountable for the provision of an effective and efficient GS IT help desk ensuring that both internal and external SLAs are met as per business requirements.
- Play a leading role in the delivery of high-quality IT support and core infrastructure across the Global Secretariat primarily through the use of outsourced providers. In particular ensure there is good access to IT support in each of the main GS geographical locations including the Asia hub, Johannesburg, London and Nairobi using local country support and outsourced services where possible.
- Manage Azure cloud computing costs and ensure services within Azure are running at optimal levels.
- Support country cloud transitions for core systems including identification of risks and development of mitigation plans.
- Support Federation members' IT and reporting managers in IT planning and budgeting, prioritising according to global digital and technology strategy.
- Daily Operational responsibility within Global Secretariat for hardware and software asset management connected to or in use on Wide and Local area networks.
- Daily Operational responsibility within Global Secretariat for communications equipment including video conferencing, telephony (landline and mobile)
- Ensure the IT hardware assets of the Global Secretariat are patched to the latest operating system levels at all times and antivirus is maintained (exceptions to be documented through a risk assessment process).
- Build and strengthen relationships with the Systems and Processes Manager, Head of Digital and Technology and the external Vendors team to ensure technologies are running effectively and efficiently.

4. Vendor management		
	 Set purchasing strategies/policies/procedures, taking into account organisational needs, legislation, budget and value for money Lead supplier negotiations and contractual agreements for new solutions Maintain excellent relationships with all vendors reporting both under and exceptional performance to the relevant IT Team. Perform review meetings ensuring continuous improvement is at the fore front of all Vendor discussions. Monitor the vendor spend to ensure the procurement of value for money services 	
	5. Others	
	 The role holder will from time to time be required to carry out any other duties that are within the scope of the job. Providing support and guidance on the improvement and use of existing and emerging technologies Providing advice on training requirements and process changes to the user environment Support to Disaster and Emergency responses Women's Leadership and Gender - Committed to Gender issues with a strong focus on women's leadership Make recommendations on minimum infrastructure and security standards for AA federation members Collaboration - Proactively leverage on cross functional learning, participate (where applicable) in international platforms and cross functional project initiatives within GS Accountability - Promoting, practicing and contributing to the continuous improvement of transparency and accountability in the federation in line with the ActionAid Accountability Charter 	
Education, Language & Qualifications	 Degree in computer science or related field Excellent verbal and written communication skills in English, ability to inform and engage through written communication. ITIL Service Management qualification is desirable Basic Project Management qualification is desirable Certification in Cisco, Windows OS, SQL, VMware, LAN and or WAN are desirable 	
Essential Knowledge, skills and Experience	 Good experience of working in a multicultural context/environment, engage in social justice activism/advocacy and demonstrate innovative practices Substantive and proven experience of core technical skills including hardware and networking 	

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		 Substantive experience of working with systems and process analysis Supplier relationship and contract management Proven experience of Project Management skills Excellent level of IT literacy and proficiency Good understanding of partnership and governance for IT and non IT Strong system & data architecture knowledge Strong stakeholder management skills Exceptional interpersonal skills to develop effective working relationships quickly with people from many different cultural backgrounds Experience of financial tracking and budget management Willingness to travel regularly at short notice 		
Desirable Knowledge, skills and Experience		 Knowledge of the following desirable - Java, .net, C#, CRM, web apps, SharePoint Agile methodologies 		
Competency Profile				
Strate Organis	Strategic Perspective	Demonstrate alignment of the Organisation's strategic priorities and goals.		
Leading Organisation	Change Management	Uses effective strategies to facilitate organisation change initiatives and overcome resistance to change by involving others, listening and building commitment.		
	Decisiveness and Agility	Prefers quick and appropriate actions in many management situations, able to adapt and respond to fast changing eco system/environment		
Lea	Leading Teams	Attracts, motivates, and develops high performing teams.		
Leading Otl	Building Collaborative Relationships	Builds productive working relationships with co-workers and external parties, whilst valuing diversity (gender, race, culture).		
thers	Communication	Expresses ideas clearly and concisely; disseminates information about decisions and plans proactively.		
Leadi	Leading with Purpose and Credibility	Acts in accordance with stated values; has strong commitment to develop, promote and practice AAI's values		
Leading Self	Innovation and Taking Initiative	Takes charge and proactively seeks new ideas, experiments with new processes/practices that capitalizes on opportunities		