



CONSULTANCY DESCRIPTION AND TERMS

Role	National-Local Cooperation Consultant – West Africa		
Contract Terms	30 Days Total, 1 May – 24 May 2022 (17 Days), 13 days non-consecutive thereafter		
Organization	Strong Cities Network	Reports to	Programme Manager
Remuneration	Competitive	Location	Remote (must be based in West Africa)

About SCN

Launched in 2015 at the United Nations General Assembly, the Strong Cities Network (SCN) is an independent global network of 150+ cities and local governments dedicated to addressing all forms of violent extremism, hate and polarisation, while promoting a human rights-based prevention framework in which local knowledge and practice informs national, regional and international approaches. Find out more about our mission [here](#). The SCN is managed by the [Institute for Strategic Dialogue \(ISD\)](#).

Position Summary

The Strong Cities Network (SCN) is seeking to hire a Consultant to aid in its national-local cooperation (NLC) efforts in West Africa focused on facilitating the implementation of the [Global Counterterrorism Forum's Memorandum on Good Practices on Strengthening National-Local Coordination in P/CVE](#).

Working with the SCN team and in close consultation with relevant partners, the Consultant will conduct a detailed mapping and analysis of NLC capabilities in West Africa (including Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, and others as appropriate) and should be informed by coordinating in-person and virtual interviews with relevant national and local government officials, civil society organisations, academia and independent researchers, as well as desk research. The Consultant will work under a Project Manager on the SCN and will work closely with SCN staff to support with contacts and outreach when necessary.

The draft mapping report will inform discussion points at the SCN-African Union workshop in Dakar on 31 May-1 June, with the final report (delivered by 15 June) incorporating relevant insights and information shared during the workshop.

Key Deliverables

#	Deliverable	Timeframe
1	Detailed work plan - outlining approach and research methodology for the mapping	First week
2	Draft Mapping report (early-stage draft)	End of Week 2 (ongoing)
3	Detailed Mapping (final draft)	Week 4

Consultant Specifications

The successful candidate will be a collaborative and solutions-focused professional with the ability to work to deadline and produce outputs to a high quality. We welcome applications from candidates who meet the following criteria:

**Essential**

- At least seven years' experience in designing and conducting field-based research on preventing and countering violent extremism (P/CVE) or related issues involving stakeholders from both national and local levels and government and non-governmental actors
- Familiarity with P/CVE actors in West Africa
- French speaker, with excellent verbal and written English. Any knowledge of local languages would be a plus.
- Knowledge of national P/CVE strategies, policies, programmes and priorities
- Experience in using various qualitative research tools
- Highly organised with the ability to be flexible, multitask and respond proactively
- An understanding of and commitment to SCN's core mission
- Intercultural and interpersonal awareness

Desirable

- Previous experience working with national government, civil society and/or international organisations in West Africa
- Experience in conducting field research
- Familiarity with P/CVE actors across West Africa