Candidate Brief

☑ Brief for the Position of

- PR and Communications Officer
  (Job Ref: PRCO/AUG2020)

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Overview of the Financial Services Commission (FSC)

The Financial Services Commission (FSC) is the integrated regulator for the non-bank financial services sector and global business. Established in 2001, the FSC operates under the Financial Services Act 2007 and has as enabling legislations the Securities Act 2005, the Insurance Act 2005 and the Private Pension Schemes Act 2012 to license, regulate, monitor and supervise the conduct of business activities in these sectors.

The vision of the FSC is "to be an internationally recognised Financial Supervisor committed to the sustained development of Mauritius as a sound and competitive Financial Services Centre". In carrying out its mission, the FSC aims to:

- promote the development, fairness, efficiency and transparency of financial institutions and capital markets in Mauritius;
- suppress crime and malpractices so as to provide protection to members of the public investing in non-banking financial products; and
- ensure the soundness and stability of the financial system in Mauritius.

The FSC is mandated under the Financial Services Act to inter alia:

- ensure the orderly administration of the financial services and global business activities;
- ensure the sound conduct of business in the financial services sector and in the global business sector;
- elaborate policies which are directed to ensure fairness, efficiency and transparency of financial and capital markets in Mauritius;
- study new avenues for development in the financial services sector, to respond to new challenges and to take full advantage of new opportunities for achieving economic sustainability and job creation;
- ensure soundness and stability of the financial system in Mauritius; and
- work out objectives, policies and priorities for the development of the financial services sector and global business.

Board & Chief Executive of the FSC

The FSC is administered and managed by a Board which consists of a Chairperson, a Vice Chairperson, independent non-executive members and a Chief Executive.

The Board carries out its functions through the following sub-committees:
- Audit and Risk Committee
- Corporate Governance Committee
- Enforcement Committee
- Staff Committee
Strategic Team

In carrying out the FSC's mission, the Strategic Team is guided by the Code of Conduct for FSC Staff and the Core Values of the organisation, which are:

- Professionalism
- Ethical Behaviour
- Compliance with Rules
- Team Work

The Strategic Team is made up of the Chief Executive, the Deputy Chief Executive and the Directors. The Strategic Team ensures the delivery of the operational objectives of the FSC. The team is responsible for the implementation of goals as set out in the strategic and business plans and ensure that the decisions and directions provided by the Board are understood by each and every member of the staff.

The FSC's role in regulating and supervising non-bank financial institutions and services requires that it acts at all times and in all its dealings to the highest standards of ethical and professional behaviour. Its reputation, standing and effectiveness rest on its ability, as an institution comprised of staff imbued with high ethical values, competence and drive, to meet these standards of conduct.

The FSC Code of Conduct sets out the standards and guiding principles of conduct for the employees in the discharge of their functions. The Code of Conduct is applicable to all staff and at all levels.
**Job Description**

**PR and Communications Officer (Job Ref: PRCO/AUG2020)**

The role of the PR and Communications Officer is to assist in achieving the Commission’s vision to be an effective financial regulator.

**Role and Responsibilities**

The Incumbent will report to the Chief Executive or designated officer and will perform, inter-alia, the following duties and responsibilities:

- Devise and implement FSC’s overall internal and external communication strategy and media programmes.
- Promote the FSC and Mauritius IFC brand and enhance our online presence.
- Disseminate the official views of the Commission.
- Build and promote partnerships with media organisations and other target audiences.
- Communicate with members of the print, radio & television media and attend to general queries.
- Develop public relations materials that increase our visibility among stakeholders and lawmakers.
- Provide strategic advice to the Management based on media analysis.
- Draft internal communication plans, consultation reports, press releases and other communication related materials, inter alia, speeches, presentations, articles, interviews, newsletters.
- Manage social media communication.
- Assist in local and international events organised by the Commission.
- Maintain the reputation of the Commission as the ambassador/spokesperson.
- Assist in maintaining the Commission’s website and intranet.

The incumbent will be expected to work outside normal office hours including weekends and public holidays, and to perform any other related duties assigned but relevant to the operations of the Commission.

The duties mentioned above are not exhaustive. The Commission reserves the right to require the incumbent to perform any other duties of equivalent level to those specified.
Specific Competencies

- Accountability.
- Project Management Skills.
- Analytical and Solution Driven.
- Learning Orientation and Sharing Knowledge.
- Self-discipline and Responsibility.
- Customer Service Skills.
- Communication and Interpersonal Skills.

Qualifications and Experience

- A degree from a recognised institution in Communication / Media / Digital Information / Journalism / Public Relations / International Relations, or any relevant equivalent qualification acceptable to the Commission.
- A minimum of 10 years relevant experience out of which 6 years should be in a position of responsibility.
- Experience in generating communication materials, both written and visual, and the ability to simplify complex concepts and texts.
- Proven experience in handling digital information such as social media.
- Holders of post graduate degrees and/or double degrees in above fields will be given preference.
Employment and Remuneration Package

Employment will be on contractual basis for an initial period of two (2) years, renewable upon satisfactory performance.

We offer an attractive remuneration package which will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

How to Apply

Applications should be made on duly completed application form which can be downloaded from the FSC website;

All applications, duly referenced, need to be sent to the following e-mail address:

recruitment@fscmauritius.org

Closing date of applications is Friday 04 September 2020 at latest 17.00 hrs.

References

The names of two (2) referees are required as part of the application process. Referees must be people who know you in a capacity to comment on your suitability for the position for which you have applied. One of your two referees should be either your current or previous employer. References will only be considered for short-listed candidates and they will be informed accordingly.

Conflicts of Interest

Candidates will need to demonstrate that they do not have interests likely to conflict with their responsibilities. They should declare any potential conflict of interest as early as possible in the selection process and also disclose information or personal connections that, if appointed, might be open to wrong perceptions.