

TERMS OF REFERENCE

KEY INFORMATION:

Reports to:	Renée Vasbinder, Deputy Director
Line managed by:	Janneke van Oirschot (research Officer), Gaby Ooms (Research Manager)
Period:	March 2022 – March 2023
Contracted Days:	45 days
Salary:	In consultation

ABOUT HEALTH ACTION INTERNATIONAL:

Health Action International (HAI) is a non-profit organisation that conducts research and advocacy to advance policies that enable access to medicines and rational medicine use for all people around the world. We pursue advocacy from the patient level up to the highest levels of government through our 'official relations' status with the World Health Organization and respected relationship with the European Medicines Agency. To safeguard our objectivity and integrity, we are resolutely independent of the pharmaceutical industry and protect ourselves from all other conflicts of interest.

Our current work encompasses the following areas:

- **Sexual and reproductive health rights (SRHR).** Our work on SRHR contributes to capacity strengthening of civil society actors and health stewards with knowledge, technical skills and tools to develop and implement evidence-based advocacy strategies to shape markets, particularly through multi-stakeholder engagement modelling. We currently work with partners in Burundi, DRC, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Zambia.
- **European projects.** HAI has a strong European civil society network working on European medicines policy issues. Together, we advocate for transparent and democratic policies that increase access to needed medicines and improve the rational use of medicines.
- **Addressing the Challenge and Constraints of Insulin Sources and Supply (ACCISS) Study.** HAI and our partners led a study to identify the causes of poor availability and high insulin prices, particularly in under-served regions of the world and developed policies and interventions to bring equity in insulin access to low- and middle-income countries. Now in its third phase, the ACCISS Study continues to promote these evidence-based tools at regional and national levels.
- **Improving snakebite prevention and treatment.** Snakebite is an unrecognised global health crisis that, every year, kills approximately 138,000 people and leaves many more with permanent physical and psychological disability. HAI's snakebite project aims to scale up advocacy and education for the prevention and treatment of snakebite in Kenya and Uganda.
- **Artificial Intelligence and Medicines.** We are undertaking training on the impact of AI in healthcare while mapping and engaging with relevant experts and organisations in the field. We are conducting research into AI/ADM's application in clinical trials design, conduct and interpretation, and its impact on Health Technology Assessment processes.
- **NfP Generic Pharmacy Chain Modelling (Zambia).** Using our research and medicine expertise, HAI is working on a business case for the establishment of a 'not-for-profit generic pharmacy chain' (GPC) model in Zambia to reach the poorest and most remote communities who have no access to reliable and quality assured medicines.

AI AND MEDICINES

HAI's goal is to extend our existing medicines policy expertise in the area of AI. We want to recognise, understand, and reflect on the impact of AI in medicines and healthcare through our research, advocacy, and communications activities. To realise this, HAI has been building its capacity on the impact of AI in healthcare in general and pharmaceutical policy specifically. Among other things, we have mapped and engaged with relevant experts and organisations in the field, and we have conducted research to understand AI's application throughout the medicine development cycle, AI regulatory developments, and potential policy gaps and need for guidance by EU institutions and the European Medicines Agency (EMA).

We aim to make use of our institutional presence, including at the European Parliament and EMA, to disseminate our research findings, coordinate advocacy and drive a movement towards greater accountability and safeguard of public interest. The ultimate goal is to become a reliable voice that can inform and shape the public debate around AI and represent public interest by seeking input from a range of stakeholders and concerned parties.

THE ROLE

HAI is seeking a consultant to support its advocacy work at the EU and Dutch national level. The duties of the consultant will include:

- Assist in the refinement of focus areas and development of advocacy targets for the AI and Medicines programme in general.
- Lead in the development and implementation of an EU advocacy strategy for the [EU Artificial Intelligence \(AI\) Regulatory Proposal](#), which includes advocacy with the Commission, Council and relevant Parliamentary committees in coordination with the European Project Team.
- Hold advocacy meetings with above parties in the context of the EU advocacy strategy.
- Lead in the development and implementation of a workplan for 2022-2023 engagements with the [HMA-EMA Joint Big Data Taskforce](#) based on their [workplan](#).
- Hold advocacy meetings with relevant stakeholders at the EMA.
- Support in the drafting of an application to the [European AI Alliance](#).
- Assist in the organisation of a webinar on the EU AI Act for health related CSOs.
- Support in the organisation of a briefing for Dutch MPs who hold the healthcare/medicines portfolio about AI in medicines development and clinical trials, and recent developments at the EMA and EU related to this.

DUTIES WILL INCLUDE

- Develop policy brief with recommendations for the EMA to improve governance of AI based technologies in medicine development and regulation.
- Contribute to advocacy strategy of the AI programme.
- Develop report of advocacy work, successes and challenges.

ORGANISATIONAL POSITION

- The Consultant will work in close collaboration with the AI and European Project Team.
- The Consultant will report to the Deputy Director.

PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- Knowledge/understanding of EU structures and the EU regulatory landscape necessary.
- Knowledge/understanding of tech policy and AI necessary.
- Basic knowledge on the [EU's Digital Strategy](#) preferable.

- Knowledge/understanding of access to medicines issues preferable.
- Excellent organisational skills.
- Ability to prioritise tasks and work on short deadlines.
- Ability to operate within an administratively fast-moving environment.
- Respect HAI values and principles.
- Five years of relevant professional experience.
- Excellent communication skills.
- Excellent interpersonal and team-working skills, strong sense of initiative, and reliability.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Experience with advocacy work at the European Parliament and preferably also at the EMA.
- Experience with work on the digitalisation of healthcare in Europe.
- Experience with representing/working in civil society organisations preferable.

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

It is estimated that the duties will take a maximum of 45 days to fulfil.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Email your letter of motivation and CV to Raquel De Jesús-Wind (raquel@haiweb.org) by 20 March 2022.

Date: 24 February, 2022

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