



POSITION : Liaison and LUM Coordination Officer
ORGANISATION : African Parks – South Sudan
LOCATION : Bor, Jonglei State
REPORTING TO : Country Representative
Duration : One (1) Year
EXPECTED START DATE : As Soon As Possible

BACKGROUND:

African Parks is a non-profit conservation organization that takes on the complete responsibility for the rehabilitation and long-term management of national parks in partnership with governments and local communities. We currently manage 22 national parks and protected areas in 12 countries covering over 20 million hectares in: Angola, Benin, Central African Republic, Chad, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Malawi, Mozambique, Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Zambia, Zimbabwe and South Sudan.

Boma and Bandingilo National Parks are located in South Sudan's equatorial region with a combined area of 30,000 KM². The parks host the largest wildlife migration in the world, covers over 120,000 KM², and provide habitat for large populations of hartebeest, buffalo, elephant, giraffes and lions.

JOB OVERVIEW:

The Jonglei State Liaison and LUM Coordination Officer will lead technical and administrative coordination for the Jonglei Landscape Utilization Model (LUM) Project, ensuring effective collaboration between African Parks, the Ministry of Wildlife Conservation and Tourism, and other line ministries at state levels. The role focuses on policy alignment, institutional strengthening, and field-level implementation of participatory land use planning and management frameworks.

MAIN ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

A. Land Use Management and Coordination

- Support the design, implementation, and monitoring of land use management processes in Jonglei State, including data collection, mapping, and stakeholder consultations.
- Facilitate coordination among MWCT, Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, and other relevant government institutions.
- Assist in developing and reviewing land use management plans to ensure alignment with national legislation, conservation goals, and community development priorities.
- Participate in spatial data analysis, land zoning, and the preparation of technical reports, maps, and policy briefs related to LUM activities.
- Ensure that land use management efforts integrate conflict-sensitive approaches and community perspectives.

B. Government and Institutional Liaison





- Serve as the primary liaison between African Parks and relevant government institutions at both state and county levels, including the Ministry of Wildlife Conservation and Tourism (MWCT), Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Agriculture, and Ministry of Lands, Housing, and Urban Development.
- Facilitate continuous engagement and dialogue between African Parks and the Jonglei State Government and county level, ensuring that all conservation and land use management activities are implemented in full compliance with national policies and state regulations.
- Support the establishment and coordination of inter-ministerial working groups on land use management and conservation, ensuring effective communication, joint planning, and harmonization of policy objectives.
- Maintain an updated network of contacts and relationships across government departments, enabling timely flow of information, approvals, and policy updates relevant to the Landscape Utilization Model (LUM) Project.
- Prepare and facilitate briefing notes, concept papers, and technical updates for submission to MWCT and other relevant ministries, ensuring that African Parks' initiatives are well-documented and clearly aligned with government priorities.
- Provide regular institutional updates to the Country Representative and Park Managers on key policy developments, government meetings, and engagement outcomes.
- Support advocacy and policy dialogue by presenting evidence-based recommendations on sustainable land management, community engagement, and biodiversity conservation to relevant government stakeholders.
- Assist in organizing joint field missions, workshops, and coordination meetings between African Parks, MWCT, and other line ministries, ensuring transparency and shared ownership of project outcomes.
- Facilitate the review and endorsement of land use management documents, ensuring that all submissions to the government meet the necessary technical and administrative standards.
- Strengthen institutional relationships through capacity-building activities, such as training sessions, study visits, and technical exchanges that enhance government understanding of landscape management and conservation planning.
- Support the integration of traditional leadership and local governance structures (e.g., County Commissioners, Chiefs, and Administrators) into formal planning processes to promote inclusive and community-driven decision-making.
- Ensure that all AP–government engagements are conducted in accordance with South Sudan's legal frameworks, AP's operational protocols, and ethical standards.
- Represent African Parks in official meetings, technical working groups, state forums, as delegated by the Country Representative or Project Manager.
- Act as a key resource for AP's management team in interpreting government policies, identifying opportunities for collaboration, and advising on compliance requirements and emerging political dynamics relevant to conservation.

C. Project Implementation and Reporting

- Coordinate project work plans, budgets, and reporting in collaboration with the AP Conservation and PMU teams.
- Support the preparation of progress reports, presentations, and communication materials for government and donor audiences.





- Ensure compliance with AP's operational standards, donor requirements, and national regulatory frameworks.
- Contribute to documentation of lessons learned, case studies, and best practices for adaptive management and policy influence.

Academic & experience required.

- Bachelor's degree in Environmental Management, Land Use Planning, Natural Resource Management, Geography, Public Administration, or related fields.
- Minimum 5 years of professional experience in land use management, government liaison, environmental governance, or conservation policy.
- Proven experience engaging with national and state government institutions in South Sudan or similar contexts.
- Strong understanding of South Sudan's land governance frameworks, environmental policies, and institutional structures.
- Demonstrated ability to manage multi-stakeholder processes and facilitate participatory planning.
- Experience working with GIS, spatial data, and land mapping tools is an added advantage.
- Excellent written and spoken communication skills in English; knowledge of Arabic or local languages is desirable.

5. Competencies

- Strong diplomacy, negotiation, and coordination skills.
- Excellent organizational and analytical skills.
- Ability to build trust and work effectively across government and community structures.
- High integrity, professionalism, and commitment to AP's conservation mission.
- Willingness to travel regularly within Jonglei State and other AP landscapes as needed.

HOW TO APPLY:

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter detailing their experience and motivation for the position, along with an updated CV to ssrecruitment@africanparks.org or hand delivery to **African Parks office Thonping, Synergy Suites – Plot No 849, Block No 3-K South**, by **Tuesday, 18 November 2025**. Please mention the position name in the subject line of the email.

In case you do not hear from us within two weeks after the closing date, this means that your application was not successful. We thank you for your interest in working for African Parks.

