

**TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE NATIONAL ECOWAS VOLUNTEER POST OF
PHYSICS TEACHER
OCTOBER 2026**

I. Position Information

Job Title: Physics Teacher

Duty Station: Monrovia, Republic of Liberia

Category: National ECOWAS Volunteer

Type of Contract: ECOWAS Volunteers Programme. Non-Family Position

Expected start date: 16th November 2026

Duration: One (01) year, with possibility for renewal (depending on budget availability and satisfactory performance)

Deadline for Application: 30th October 2026

II. Preamble

The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) was founded by the Treaty of Lagos, in May 1975 as a regional group of fifteen countries: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Togo. Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger withdraw their membership of the Community in 2025. The aim of the Community is to promote co-operation and integration, leading to the establishment of an economic union in West Africa in order to raise the living standards of its peoples, and to maintain and enhance economic stability, foster relations-among Member States and contribute to the progress and development of the African continent.

Through its departments and various agencies, ECOWAS is implementing critical and strategic programmes that will deepen cohesion and progressively eliminate identified barriers to full integration. In this way, the citizens of the community can ultimately take ownership for the realization of the new vision of moving from an ECOWAS of States to an “ECOWAS of the People: Peace and Prosperity for All” by 2050.

Toward the achievement of this vision, the ECOWAS Youth and Sports Development Centre (EYSDC), which was created by the Decision A/DEC.13/01/05 of 19th January 2005 at Accra, Ghana as a specialized Agency, is implementing policies, activities and strategic action plans, as well as the ECOWAS vision in the areas of youth and sports, including the ECOWAS Volunteers Programme (EVP) under the Human Development and Social Affairs Department of the ECOWAS Commission. Originally

based in Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso), the EYSDC was relocated to Monrovia, Liberia following the withdrawal of Burkina Faso from ECOWAS in 2025.

III. Organizational Framework of the Mission

Since its official launch in Monrovia, Liberia on 26 March 2010, the ECOWAS Volunteers Programme (EVP) has devoted time, resources, and expertise to promoting regional unity, peace, and development through volunteerism. The ECOWAS volunteers, young male and female Community citizens, have kept faith with the ECOWAS vision of a community of people supporting people, and demonstrated their collective conviction that peacebuilding and reconciliation can be useful development tools for establishing peace in member States and across West Africa region.

The ECOWAS Volunteers Programme (EVP) is a demand-driven flagship programme of the ECOWAS Commission. It seeks to harness and inject the expertise and professional and personal contributions of mainly young citizens into the process of the implementation of national development agenda of their host countries and communities. And as they do so, they also build and develop their own capacities through contacts with their new professional and social-cultural environments and the lessons derived therefrom.

Under agreement between the ECOWAS Youth and Sports Development Centre (EYSDC), and the Government of Liberia, the ECOWAS Commission intends to recruit a national Volunteer Physics Teacher in order to assist in the implementation of the Ministry of Education mandate.

IV. Duties and Responsibilities

Under the supervision of the ECOWAS Volunteers Programme Country Office in Liberia and in conjunction with the Ministry of Education (MoE), the ECOWAS national Volunteer Physics Teacher will:

- a) Teach Physics to students in accordance with the approved national curriculum and educational standards of Liberia.
- b) Prepare and deliver comprehensive lesson plans, schemes of work, laboratory activities, and assessments that promote understanding of physical principles and scientific inquiry.
- c) Conduct practical laboratory experiments and demonstrations while ensuring compliance with laboratory safety standards and procedures.
- d) Foster students' critical thinking, analytical reasoning, problem-solving, and scientific investigation skills through learner-centred teaching approaches.
- e) Assess, evaluate, and monitor students' academic progress through assignments, practical assessments, tests, examinations, and continuous assessment methods.
- f) Provide academic guidance, mentoring, and remedial support to students to improve their understanding and performance in Physics.
- g) Utilize appropriate teaching aids, laboratory equipment, digital tools, and instructional resources to enhance the teaching and learning process.
- h) Maintain accurate records of student attendance, performance, laboratory activities, and inventory of laboratory equipment and materials.
- i) Collaborate with fellow teachers, school administrators, and education authorities to improve the quality of Physics and science education.

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- j) Participate in curriculum implementation, school development programmes, and extracurricular activities related to Physics, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM).
- k) Support the professional development and capacity building of local teachers through mentoring, peer learning, and the sharing of best practices in Physics education.
- l) Promote gender equality, inclusion, and equal participation of all students in Physics and STEM-related activities.
- m) Encourage students to participate in science clubs, exhibitions, fairs, competitions, and other activities that promote scientific innovation and discovery.
- n) Prepare and submit periodic activity and progress reports to the host institution, the Ministry of Education, and the ECOWAS Volunteers Programme (EVP) Country Office as required.
- o) Respect and uphold the values, principles, rules, and regulations of the ECOWAS Volunteers Programme (EVP), the host institution, and the Government of Liberia.
- p) Perform any other duties related to science education and youth development as may be assigned by the host institution, MoE, the ECOWAS National Office or the EVP Country office.

V. Required Qualifications and Experience:

Education/Degrees	A Bachelor's degree in Physics, Physics Education, Applied Physics, Engineering Physics, or a related field from a recognized institution. A Master's degree will be an added advantage.
Qualifications/Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A recognized teaching qualification and/or professional teaching certification. ▪ Knowledge of modern language teaching methodologies and learner-centred instructional approaches. ▪ Good report-writing, problem-solving, and teamwork skills. ▪ Knowledge on ECOWAS countries' socio-economic situation, cultural dimensions and political structure; ▪ Knowledge of the ECOWAS Volunteers Programme is an advantage; ▪ Knowledge of volunteering is an asset;
Experience	At least two (2) years of relevant teaching experience in Physics at secondary or senior secondary school level.
Other conditions	<p>Immediately available</p> <p>In good health</p> <p>Full physical mobility,</p> <p>Able to undertake field missions</p> <p>Ability to work under pressure</p> <p>Ability to speak, listen, analyze, and synthesis information</p> <p>Multicultural environment</p>
Software	<p>Microsoft office (Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint, Outlook)</p> <p>Internet tools</p>
Values	Passion – Motivation – Action
Attitude	Winning mindset, Optimistic, Results-focused, Commitment to volunteerism and Client approach

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Additional skills must include:

- Computer literate (MS-Office/ Internet),
- High degree of personal initiative
- Ability to work with little supervision;
- Experience in conducting laboratory practical and managing science laboratories.
- Knowledge of modern teaching methodologies and student-centered learning approaches.
- Strong communication, interpersonal, and classroom management skills.
- Good report-writing, organizational, and problem-solving skills.
- Commitment to community service, youth development, and regional integration within the ECOWAS region.

Knowledge of volunteerism will be an asset.

VI. Language Requirements:

- Perfect command of the English language (written and spoken) is mandatory.
- Knowledge of any other official language of ECOWAS (French or Portuguese) will be considered an asset/advantage.

VII. Composition of Application

Applications must include:

- A signed letter of application/motivation addressed to the Director, EYSDC, Monrovia, Liberia.
- A detailed Curriculum Vitae highlighting specific skills and experiences of the candidate.
- Copies of certificates, diplomas, and work certificates (originals or certified true copies will be required for sighting before deployment).
- Copy of international passport or National Identity Card indicating your age
- A police clearance certificate of less than three months (will be required before assumption of duty).

VIII. Submission of Application

Applications must be submitted no later than 30th October, via email to the address: physics.teacher2@cdjscedeo.org (and CC: cdjs@ecowas.int) with the title: ***Application for the Post of Physics Teacher*** on the subject line.

To avoid disqualification, all the applicants are required to:

- Submit their application via email with this subject title,
- Group all their documents into one (1) single PDF document, not to exceed 5MB.
- Meet the deadline mentioned above.

IX. Conditions of Service

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An initial contract for 12 months will be offered with competitive advantages.

Other conditions of service as stipulated in the EVP Management and Administration Procedures Manual and Handbook of Conditions of Service shall apply.

X. Other Conditions

The position is open to ONLY Liberian Nationals aged not more than 35 years by the date of recruitment.

This position is considered a non-family national ECOWAS Volunteer position.

ECOWAS is committed to promoting gender equality and equity. To this end, female candidates are strongly encouraged.

ECOWAS reserves the right to terminate the recruitment process without notice.

ONLY SHORTLISTED CANDIDATES WILL BE CONTACTED.