

PROGRAMME DE LEADERSHIP AU SAHEL

For development professionals and community-based champions of women and girls who work in family planning or in the education and empowerment of women and girls.

MISSION

Build a critical mass of emerging leaders dedicated to educating and empowering women and girls in order to improve the well being of families in the Sahel.

APPROACH

The Sahel Leadership Program aims to:

- catalyze reflection and new collaborations between different sectors and different domains of action.
- inspire and prepare emerging leaders to develop integrated and scaleable solutions for the Sahel

PARTNERS

The program is led by the OASIS Initiative in collaboration with Université Abdou Moumouni (UAM), Institut Supérieur des Sciences de la Population (ISSP) at University of Ouagadougou, and the Permanent Interstates Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS). It is also supported by Venture Strategies for Health and Development, the Bixby Center for Population, Health and Sustainability at UC Berkeley and Expand Net.

PROGRAM FORMAT

The program includes five key elements :

- A week-long intensive training in Niamey from January 15-20, 2018.
- A ten month mentorship program to support participants in setting and achieving professional goals.
- An independent targeted communications project designed, implemented and evaluated by participants.
- Membership into a dynamic network of development professionals working in the West African Sahel.
- An opportunity to participate in a 3-day field visit to an organization, granted to the two or three fellows who best demonstrate the potential value of the visit to themselves or to their organization.

IDEAL CANDIDATES

Ideal candidates will demonstrate evidence of their commitment to development in the Sahel, and will have a strong ambition to further develop as leaders. Female applicants and applicants who work for community-based organizations are especially encouraged. Applicants must be West African, be fluent in French, be between the ages of 25 and 45, be residents of Niger or Chad, and should have experience in one of these domains : family planning or education and/or empowerment of girls and women.

COSTS

In 2018, the cost of participation for individuals is 100,000 CFA, which partially covers the true program cost. The program cost for applicants who are representing their organizations will be communicated directly to the organizations concerned. Successful applicants who are not supported by their organizations are encouraged to solicit financial assistance from other development agencies. An official letter of admission into the program will be provided along with the acceptance letter to facilitate efforts to obtain additional support. The OASIS Initiative will also provide a few need-based scholarships.

CONTACT

To apply, visit : <http://oasisinitiative.berkeley.edu/pls/>. For questions, contact: info@oasisinitiative.org. **The deadline to submit applications is Wednesday August 2 at midnight (GMT +1).** Send your application materials to candidature@oasisinitiative.org with subject line : LAST NAME, COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE, DOMAIN CODE (explained on the application form.)