SAHEL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM
Call for Applications 2021 *Deadline Extended*

Serving development professionals and advocates for adolescent girls’ education and empowerment, family planning and safe abortion care within the limits of the law

MISSION
Build a critical mass of emerging leaders dedicated to empowering girls and women to improve the well-being of families across Francophone Africa.

STRATEGY
The Sahel Leadership Program (PLS) aims to:
• Catalyze innovative thinking and collaboration across sectors and disciplines
• Inspire and prepare emerging leaders to develop integrated and scalable development solutions

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS
The program is led by the OASIS Niger Initiative and Venture Strategies for Health & Development. Our collaborators include Abdou Moumouni University (UAM), l’Institut Supérieur des Sciences de la Population (ISSP) of University of Ouaga 1 Pr. Joseph ki-Zerbo (UO), the Permanent Inter-State Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS), Expand Net, and the Bixby Center for Population, Health, and Sustainability at the University of California, Berkeley (UCB).

PROGRAM STRUCTURE
The program is composed of five elements:
• An intensive training from March 14 to 20, 2021 in Côte d’Ivoire
• A mentorship program to support participants as they work towards their professional goals
• An advocacy workshop to reinforce and sharpen the skills obtained during the intensive training
• A targeted communications project that participants design, implement and evaluate in country-specific groups
• Permanent membership into a dynamic network of development professionals across Francophone Africa

DESIREd CANDIdATES
The program is seeking to recruit development professionals and policy advocates with a demonstrated commitment to the development of francophone Africa. Women, public servants, and those working directly with beneficiaries at the community level are encouraged to apply. Candidates must be: African citizens fluent in French, between 25 and 45 years old; based in Burkina Faso, Benin, or Côte d’Ivoire; actively working in one or more of the following areas: education & empowerment of adolescent girls (EAA), family planning (FP) or safe abortion services (SAS) within the limits of the law.

PARTICIPATION FEE
The participation fee per person is 100,000 FCFA. The fee must be paid in after candidates are officially admitted into the program in December 2020.

HOW TO APPLY
Visit http://oasisinitiative.berkeley.edu/postuler-au-pls for more information about the program and to obtain an application form. To submit your application, send your CV and your completed application to candidatures@oasisniger.org with the subject line: Last name, country of residence and domain code (EAA, PF and / or SAS). The deadline for submitting an application is Wednesday October 28, 2020 at midnight WAT.