

Research Fellow - Africa Political Outlook **Volunteer | 10 hours per month** *Remote-friendly*

About the Africa Political Outlook. Africa Political Outlook (APO) is a strategic platform convening heads of state, ministers, diplomats, MEPs, and international organisations around Africa's most pressing governance challenges. Since 2023, APO's annual Summit and flagship *Annual Report on the State of African Governance* have produced actionable policy recommendations that feed into national and global roadmaps.

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As a Research Fellow (Volunteer), you will contribute to APO's research and editorial work, supporting the production of its flagship publications, policy briefs, and expert content. You will work directly under the supervision of APO's leadership, engaging with some of Africa's most pressing governance, economic, and diplomatic challenges. This is a unique opportunity to contribute hands-on experience in African political analysis at the intersection of think tank research, international diplomacy, and summit organization.

Key Responsibilities

- Conduct research and analysis on African governance, elections, political transitions, and institutional developments across the continent's five regions
- Contribute to the production of policy briefs, background papers, and sections of APO's **Annual State of African Governance Report**
- Support thematic research on APO's priority areas: critical minerals and the energy transition, AU-EU relations, AfCFTA and regional integration, digital governance, climate policy, and diaspora engagement
- Monitor political developments and **electoral calendars across Africa and produce regular analytical summaries**
- Assist in the preparation of content for the APO Summit, including speaker briefings, thematic notes, and session documentation
- Support the coordination of the **APO Future Leaders Fellowship**, including research for training modules on macroeconomics, diplomacy, justice, and digital innovation

- Assist with the production of APO's editorial content for web, social media, and partner communications

Profile & Skills

- Graduate or postgraduate in **Political Science, International Relations, African Studies, Economics, Law, or related fields**
- Strong analytical writing skills in **English and/or French** (bilingualism is a major asset)
- Genuine passion for African governance, development policy, and international affairs
- Ability to work independently, meet deadlines, and produce clear, well-sourced analytical content
- Knowledge of AU, EU, AfCFTA, or multilateral institutions is a strong advantage
- Proactive, rigorous, and aligned with APO's values of intellectual independence and pan-African ambition

What you will gain

- Direct exposure to high-level policy research published and presented at international summits
- Mentorship from senior governance experts, diplomats, and policymakers in APO's network
- Co-authorship credit on APO policy briefs and research outputs
- Integration into APO's growing community of African governance changemakers
- A strong addition to your professional profile, with a letter of recommendation upon completion

Application modalities

- Submit CV (max 2 pages), cover letter (1 page, explaining APO interest and fit), and academic availability via email to **join@africapoliticaloutlook.org** with subject **“APO 2026 Research Fellow (Volunteer) – [Your Name]”**