



Advert for Regional Aviation Manager/Chief Pilot

Position Title:	Regional Aviation Manager/Chief Pilot
Reports to:	Regional Opération Manager Chad and AP Aviation Manager
Location:	Chad Regional Office (NDjamena_Chad)

African Parks in Chad: African Parks Network (APN), www.africanparks.org, is an international non-profit organisation that assumes full responsibility for the direct management of protected areas in long-term partnerships with governments and local communities. APN applies business management principles and combines revenues from the development of these protected areas with those of private donors. Its aim is to achieve long-term ecological, financial and social sustainability of each protected area in order to contribute to the economic development and poverty reduction of the countries and regions concerned. Currently, APN manages 21 protected areas in 12 countries - Benin, Congo-Brazzaville, Malawi, Mozambique, CAR, DRC, Rwanda, Chad, Angola, Zimbabwe, Zambia and South Soudan.

Primary Purpose

As part of its operations in Chad, African Parks has appointed 4 commercially qualified pilots with an air fleet made up of Cessna 182, Cessna 206 and Savannah ultra-light aircraft. These pilots and aircraft operate in the 4 parks managed by African Parks in Chad.

AP is aiming to ensure the safe, efficient and maximum use of existing human and material resources in Chad in order to provide effective, safe and compliant aerial support to the parks. The regional Aviation Manager / Chief Pilot – Chad will be responsible for the management, coordination and support of these aerial support functions in Chad

Key aspects of the role

Pilot in command for all aircraft deployed throughout the African Parks Network operations in Chad.

Relief pilot to all the Chadian parks managed by the African Parks Network when required. Relief pilot duties shall be in the various African Parks Network areas throughout Chad and will require the incumbent to travel extensively throughout Chad.

Oversight over aircrew, maintenance personnel and aviation operations in Chad.

1. Oversight to include (but not limited to):

- Aircrew qualifications, currencies and renewals
- Aircrew duty times and leave cycles
- Aircrew proficiency checks
- Aircraft maintenance planning
- Limited procurement of parts, spares and consumable applicable to aviation operations.
- Liaison and coordination of legal and compliance matter with the Chadian authorities
- Fuel and logistics planning

2. Capacity building and mentorship:

Assist with the development and implementation of improved operations in Chad;
Consult on the procurement of necessary equipment to ensure aviation operations are safely conducted during both day and night;

Consult on alternative and assist in implementing new and planned aviation platforms and how these are to be used in order to function as force multipliers;
Provide any other recommendations that may be useful in the short, medium and long term to operate safely in Chad

3. Other:

Ensure alignment of all aviation operations with AP SOPs and applicable legal prescripts
Liaise with Chadian Aviation Authorities to ensure legal compliance and continued operations
Perform other duties as assigned and contribute to the success of the parks operations in Chad

Required qualifications, competencies and experience:

- Valid ICAO / FAA Commercial Pilots Licence
- C182, C206 ratings / endorsements
- Minimum 1500 hrs as Pilot in Command (aeroplane).
- Minimum 50 hrs as Pilot in Command on each make and model
- Valid and current Night and Instrument Flight Rating
- Valid class I Aviation Medical Certificate
- Proven and demonstrable experience in conservation / bush operations. This experience to include operations from unprepared bush strips, operations in marginal weather, high ambient temperatures, dust and isolated operational areas.
- Experience in survey, census and surveillance operations.
- French speaking

The following qualifications / experience is preferred and will be beneficial:

- Valid and current CRM, DG and SEPT courses.
- Valid instructors' rating
- Total flight time >3000 hrs
- Ideally type rated on Savannah ultra-light aircraft
- Fluent in English and French
- Good knowledge and background in aviation operations and maintenance management
- Flown or worked in a conservation environment
- Good knowledge of the ICAO standards and Chadian or similar legislation

The successful incumbent shall be expected to maintain a high level of professionalism and safety and shall report to the Regional Operation Manager – Chad and the African Parks Aviation Manager.

Please send all cover letters, CVs and copies of diplomas to the attention of the Regional Operation Manager by **08 February 2023** to rh.tchad@africanparks.org.

Applications received after this deadline will not be considered. Only shortlisted candidates will be notified by email or by telephone or skype.