LOCAL RECRUITMENT  
(Tokyo, Japan)

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Consultant  
Water for Sustainable Development  
(Consultant Contract - CTC)

Organizational Unit : United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS)
Reference Number : 2019/UNU/IAS/CTC/C/105
Applications to : recruitment.wsd@unu.edu
Closing Date : 13 November 2019

About UN University

For the past four decades, UNU has been a go-to think tank for impartial research on the pressing global problems of human survival, conflict prevention, development, and welfare. With more than 400 researchers in 13 countries, UNU’s work spans the full breadth of the 17 SDGs, generating policy-relevant knowledge to effect positive global change. UNU maintains more than 200 collaborations with UN agencies and leading universities and research institutions across the globe.

United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS):

UNU-IAS is a UNU institute based at UNU Headquarters in Tokyo. The mission of UNU-IAS is to serve the international community through policy-relevant research and capacity development focused on sustainability, including its social, economic and environmental dimensions. UNU-IAS builds on a strong tradition of UNU research and capacity development in Japan, undertaken in collaboration with a global network of professionals and scholars, particularly in Asia and Africa. For more information please visit http://ias.unu.edu.

Water for Sustainable Development (WSD) project:

WSD is an interdisciplinary research project to investigate the role of water in society, the economy, and the natural environment in Asia, aiming to advance sustainable development through improved management of water environments. The economies of many countries in the region are tied to water environments, especially where agriculture, industries, or services linked to nature or historical landscapes
are the main source of income. The interdependence between livelihoods and nature means that any change in quality, quantity, or movement of water has social, economic, and environmental consequences. Building on previous UNU-IAS cross-sectoral policy research on water and urbanization, WSD project will:

1. establish a framework to comprehensively evaluate the role of water in selected case study locations in Asia,
2. develop methodologies to identify future scenarios to realize the water environment envisaged in the SDGs, factoring in the specific characteristics of each target area, and
3. develop analytical tools and policy options related to the management of water environments, to advance sustainable development in Asia.

The WSD project will contribute to international policy processes, with research outcomes disseminated through publications and presentations, and shared with beneficiary countries through consultation workshops, capacity development training courses, and outreach events.

Responsibilities:

Under the supervision of a WSD research fellow, the Consultant will perform the following duties:

- gather information and data related to agricultural resource utilization with linkage of water and health for Asia
- analyze collected data related to climate change, water and agricultural management practices using a statistical software
- draft one or more academic article(s) related to climate change, water and agricultural management practices and submit the article(s) to the supervisor and to the academic journal office by the end of the contract
- submit a book proposal related to the effects of climate change and agricultural management practices on dominant rice crop in Asia to the supervisor and UNU-IAS
- ensure timely completion of assigned tasks including completion of the above-mentioned documents
- perform other duties assigned by the supervisor

Required Qualifications and Experience:

- doctor’s degree either in Economics, Environmental and Agricultural Studies, or equivalent
- skills and knowledge to compile and synthesize data and conduct statistical analysis
- knowledge of environmental management and economics of climate change issues
- excellent communication skills with fluency in oral and written English. Knowledge of other UN official languages is an asset
- proficiency in MS Office Applications (MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Outlook). Experience in using statistical software such as STATA is an advantage
- ability to establish priorities, work within tight deadlines, and handle multiple concurrent activities
- good team player with strong interpersonal skills demonstrated by the ability to work in a multicultural, multi-ethnic environment with sensitivity and respect for diversity

Remuneration and Deliverables:

This is a part-time position. A total fee of JPY 500,000 will be paid to the Consultant upon successful submission of the following deliverables:
(1) Book proposal submission to Science for Sustainable Societies in Springer Nature by February 2020
(2) One or more academic articles in January - March 2020

The Consultant will ensure that the name and branding of the United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability are credited when making reference to this research in all related documents and in any resulting publication.

The payment schedule is:

1) JPY 150,000 upon the submission of a draft copy of the first academic article, by 31 January 2020.

Duration of Contract:

The successful candidate shall work under a Consultant Contract (CTC) with UNU-IAS for the project mentioned above. The appointment will be until 31 March 2020. No consultant shall provide services for more than twenty-four (24) months in a thirty-six (36) month period.

This is a locally recruited post; no relocation expenses or allowances apply. The successful candidate will be employed under a local contract and will not hold international civil servant status nor be a “staff member” as defined in the United Nations Staff Rules and Regulations. UNU does not sponsor a working visa for this position.

UNU is committed to diversity and inclusion within its workforce, and encourages all candidates, irrespective of gender, nationality, religious and ethnic backgrounds, including persons living with disabilities to apply and become part of the organization.

UNU has a zero-tolerance policy on conduct that is incompatible with the aims and objectives of the United Nations and UNU, including sexual exploitation and abuse, sexual harassment, abuse of authority and discrimination.

Starting Date: 20 November 2019 (negotiable)

Application Procedure:

Interested applicants should submit their applications by email (to recruitment.wsd@unu.edu, and must include the following:

- a cover letter setting out how the qualifications and experience match the requirements of the position
- a curriculum vitae and a completed and signed UNU Personal History (P.11) form; please avoid using similar forms provided by other United Nations organizations
- an indication of the reference number of the vacancy announcement (2019/UNU/IAS/CTC/C/105)

Please note that applications received after the closing date will not be considered.