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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Research Collaborator  
Japan and Korea GIAHS Research Project  
Consultant Contract (CTC)

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

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Japan and Korea GIAHS Research Project
UNU-IAS and the Rural Development Administration of the Republic of Korea (RDA) are conducting a joint research project from 2018 to 2022, titled “Introduction of technologies on characteristic analysis and conservation management in Agricultural Heritage Systems”, with the aim to develop conservation management indicators and guidelines on evaluation of the sustainability of the Globally Important Agricultural Heritage System (GIAHS) in Japan and Korea, designated by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

Responsibilities:
Under the overall guidance of the Director of UNU Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS) and under the direct guidance and supervision of the Director of UNU-IAS Operating Unit Ishikawa Kanazawa (UNU-IAS OUIK) in collaboration with the Project Researchers, the Research Collaborator will carry out the following tasks:

- Support the UNU-IAS research on Korea and Japan GIAHS through consolidating the findings on the implementation status of SDGs under GIAHS Action Plan in Japan GIAHS in a written report that will serve as part of the project results,
- Support other activities in organizing workshops, seminars, symposiums and other events related to the aforementioned project,
- Support in the drafting of the aforementioned project final report and other outputs as relevant, and
- Perform other duties as may be assigned

Required qualifications

- A doctoral degree or equivalent in the field of Environmental Science, Environmental Engineering, Rural and Agricultural Planning or a related field
- Excellent writing and communication skills in English and Japanese; knowledge of other United Nations official languages is an asset
- Expertise in the monitoring and evaluation of GIAHS conservation in Japan
- Research experience in the implementation of SDGs for rural revitalization and community building, and sound record of or potential for publication with a focus on policy and practice
- Computer and web literacy required
- Experience in management of research programmes is an asset
- A 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

Duration of contract:
The successful candidate will be retained under a Consultant Contract (CTC) for the above-mentioned project for five months from 1 August 2021 to 31 December 2021. Consultants engaged by UNU may not provide services for more than twenty-four (24) months in a thirty-six (36) month period.
Remuneration:
JPY 30,000 per day. Successful candidate is expected to work 2 days per week (average). There are no other fringe benefits.

Proposed payment schedule
Remuneration will be paid on monthly basis, upon submission of monthly time sheet and monthly progress report.

Travel considerations:
Should “mission travel” be required, UNU will pay for travel. However, this will be subject to the following prerequisites: Medical Clearance, Security Clearance through the Travel Request Information Process (TRIP) system, completion of the BSAFE online course, travel Visa, and liability waiver. Trip prerequisites will be met at the expense of the consultant.
Travel cost will be calculated based on economy class travel, regardless of the length of travel. Costs for accommodation, meals and incidentals must not exceed applicable daily subsistence allowance (DSA) rates, as promulgated by the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC at http://icsc.un.org).

Expected start date: 1 August 2021

Application procedure:
Interested applicants should submit their application online through Impactpool and upload the following documents there:

- A cover letter setting out how your qualifications and experience match the requirements of the position
- A completed and signed UNU Personal History (P.11) form downloadable from the UNU website. Please avoid using similar forms provided by other United Nations organisations; and
- A full CV (English and Japanese) with a full list of publications for last 5 years.

Assessment:
Evaluation of qualified candidates may include a desk review and/or a competency-based interview, background checks and references.

Special notice
UNU does not sponsor a working visa for this position.

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