LOCAL RECRUITMENT
(Tokyo, Japan)

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Senior Research Fellow
Governance for Sustainable Development
(Personnel Service Agreement - PSA)

Organizational Unit : United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS)
Reference Number : 2018/UNU/IAS/PSA/SRF/63
Applications to : gsd.recruitment@unu.edu
Closing Date : 31 August 2018

About United Nations University:

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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 Africa and Asia. For more information please visit http://ias.unu.edu

Governance for Sustainable Development (GSD)

GSD is one of several UNU-IAS projects focusing on sustainable development governance. The project aims to contribute to global and sub-global discussions on implementation and follow-up of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the short term, and to propose policies and frameworks for a long-term transformation in human behavior towards a sustainable society. The research undertaken aims to examine the major challenges in the field of sustainable development and 2030 Agenda for Sustainable
Development, and fundamental questions on how to achieve sustainability in the twenty-first century. Particular focus will be on the Goal 12 on sustainable consumption and production.

Part of the project is funded by the Ministry of the Environment, Japan, as part of the S-16 project of its Environmental Research and Technology Development Fund.

**Responsibilities:**

Under the overall supervision of the UNU-IAS Director and under the direct guidance and supervision of the Project Manager of Governance for Sustainable Development (GSD), the contractor shall perform the following tasks:

- take a lead in a research project on the SDGs, with particular focus on sustainable consumption and production, under the guidance of the project manager of GSD, ensuring the quality and quantity of the research outputs
- participate in local and international research, policy and outreach events
- build strategic partnerships and collaborations in line with the strategic directions of UNU-IAS and the GSD project
- perform other duties requested by the UNU-IAS Director and the Project Manager of GSD

**Required Qualifications and Experience:**

- PhD in either Business Administration, or in Environmental Studies or equivalent field of study
- scholarly competence in environmental management and business issues
- demonstrated ability to coordinate and conduct research on SDGs, with particular focus on sustainable consumption and production
- research management experience in SDGs and sustainable consumption and production in major sponsored project;
- strong research management skills and experience in environmental policy development and statistical analysis are desirable
- work experience in universities as a research position and/or in international organizations and promoting major international initiatives is an asset
- fluency in English and Japanese is required. A working knowledge of other UN official languages is an advantage
- strong data analysis and computer skills, including proficiency in MS Office Applications (MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Outlook). Experience in using a statistical software such as SPSS is advantageous
- demonstrated experience in working effectively in an inter-disciplinary and multicultural setting with other researchers and collaborators and levels of authority
- ability to establish priorities, work within tight deadlines, and handle multiple concurrent activities

**Remuneration:**

Remuneration will commensurate with qualification and experience. There are no other fringe benefits.

**Duration of Contract:**

This is a part time employment (1.5 days per week) on a Personnel Service Agreement (PSA) with UNU-IAS. Initial appointment will be for six (6) months with the possibility of renewal subject to satisfactory work
performance and budget availability, with the combined duration of appointments not exceeding six (6) years.

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.

**Starting Date:** 1 October 2018

**Application Procedure:**

Interested applicants should submit their applications by email (to gsd.recruitment@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 (2018/UNU/IAS/PSA/SRF/63)

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

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