Bonn, GERMANY

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Insurance Associate
Social Protection and Finance
(Personnel Service Agreement - PSA)

Organizational Unit : United Nations University - Institute for Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS)
Reference Number : 2018/UNU/EHS/PSA/IA/93
Applications to : hrbonn@vie.unu.edu
Closing Date : 13 January 2019

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Munich Climate Insurance Initiative (MCII): MCII was initiated as a charitable organisation by representatives of insurers, research institutes and NGOs in April 2005 in response to the growing realization that insurance solutions can play a role in adaptation to climate change, as suggested in the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Kyoto Protocol. This initiative is hosted at the United Nations University Institute for Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS). As a leading think tank on climate change and insurance, MCII is focused on developing solutions for the risks posed by climate change for the poorest and most vulnerable people in developing countries. www.climate-insurance.org
Pacific Region Climate Risk Adaptation and Insurance (PRCRAI): MCII intends to share its thirteen years of knowledge and expertise in advocating for new ways of applying insurance to complement risk management and adaptation with the Pacific Financial Inclusion Programme (PFIP) in support of their strategy to strengthen the resilience of vulnerable communities in the Pacific. The intention is to leverage MCII’s over six years of experience gained in the micro insurance space by leading and coordinating the CRAIC project to undertake a scoping study in the Pacific (particularly in Fiji, Tonga and Vanuatu) to explore possible implementation of climate risk adaptation and insurance programmes in the Pacific region.

Responsibilities:

Under the authority of the Director of UNU-EHS and the guidance of the MCII Executive Director, the successful candidate will be entrusted with the following tasks:

- Coordinate with and effectively support the MCII Insurance Advisor in the successful implementation of insurance related project tasks.
- Implement a scoping study in three countries of the Pacific Region (incl. Vanuatu, Fiji, and Tonga) exploring the feasibility of an index-based insurance product for vulnerable populations against extreme weather risks, as well as a possible implementation of climate risk adaptation and insurance programmes in the Pacific.
- Develop options with regard to the technical aspects of new insurance products in support of local vulnerable populations against extreme weather risks;
- Establish a network of relevant stakeholders, including private sector actors, public sector decision makers, NGOs, community-based groups, research institutions as well as UN organisations in the region.
- Ensure the timely preparation and submission of inputs to meet reporting requirements;
- Represent the organisation at regional climate risk and insurance events, expert meetings and conferences.
- Prepare and participate in field missions.
- Actively co-develop new project activities for MCII in the context of increasing Small Island’s resilience to climate change.

Required Qualifications and Experience:

- A university degree in economics, business administration or similar with a background in insurance or actuary sciences
- 5 years of proven professional experience working ideally in the context of insurance, social insurance, or social security;
- Working experience in the private (re)insurance sector highly desired, particularly with exposure to non-life insurance business and/or product development would be preferred;
- Understanding of NAT-CAT insurance solutions, specifically technical and operational expertise in parametric insurance approaches, micro-insurance and/or experience with the application of insurance solutions for target groups in developing countries would be an asset;
- Understanding in research and development for climate risk insurance solutions, work in developing countries specifically in small island states would be an asset;
- Experience in project management in the context of development cooperation and in coordinating with a broad range of actors would be preferred;
• A good understanding and/or experience in technical and organizational disaster risk reduction and management and climate change adaptation;
• Initiative taker with the interest to professionally expand into new ways of applying insurance-related solutions;
• Existing professional networks consisting of contacts to private insurers, government officials (e.g. insurance supervisors, disaster risk management authorities and related), relevant development actors and/or UN organisations would be preferred;
• Ability to negotiate with partners;
• Excellent presentation and communication skills with a fluency in spoken and written English;
• Strong team player with strong interpersonal skills demonstrated by the ability to work in a multi-cultural, multi-ethnic environment with sensitivity and respect for diversity.
• This position entails a high degree of travel.

Applications from suitably qualified female candidates are particularly encouraged.

Remuneration:

Remuneration will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Duration of Contract:

The successful candidate shall work under a Personal Service Agreement (PSA) for a fixed period of twelve (12) months with the perspective of renewal. The combined duration of appointments under a PSA shall not exceed six (6) years.

This is a locally recruited post and no relocation allowances apply. The duty station will be Bonn (Germany). The successful candidate will be employed under a local contract and will not hold international civil servant status nor is he/she a “staff member” as defined in the United Nations Staff Rules and Regulations.

Starting Date:

15 February 2019.

Application Procedure:

Interested applicants should submit their applications by e-mail (to hrbonn@vie.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 downloadable from the UNU website. Please avoid using similar forms provided by other United Nations organizations;
• an indication of the reference number of the vacancy announcement (2018/UNU/EHS/PSA/IA/93).