

**VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**(Issue date: **13 February 2009**)

VACANCY NOTICE NO.:	NA-09-09
ORGANIZATION:	UNEP/DTIE
DUTY STATION:	Bangkok
FUNCTIONAL TITLE:	Technology Project Officer, Climate Change
GRADE:	L-3
POST NUMBER:	CPL-5070-3744-2647-1102
DURATION:	One Year (renewable)
CLOSING DATE:	13 March 2009

Background:

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) is the United Nations system's designated entity for addressing environmental issues at the global and regional level. Its mandate is to coordinate the development of environmental policy consensus by keeping the global environment under review and bringing emerging issues to the attention of governments and the international community for action. UNEP's Division of Technology, Industry and Economics (DTIE) works with international and non-governmental organizations, national and local governments, business and industry to develop and implement policies, strategies and practices that are cleaner and safer, incorporate environmental costs, use natural resources efficiently, reduce pollution and risks for humans and the environment, and enable the implementation of conventions and international agreements. The position is within the Energy Branch's Technology Transfer Unit, which contributes to the organization's climate change programme by promoting the deployment and finance of energy efficient and low greenhouse gas technologies in developing countries.

Duties and Responsibilities:

Overall, the incumbent will be a member of a small team implementing a new UNEP project in South East Asia ("the South-East Asia Climate Change Network"). The project will use a regional networking approach to improve the development and exchange of knowledge among climate change professionals, principally National Climate Change Focal Points, focusing on climate change mitigation, sustainable energy technologies, energy efficiency, and finance. By fostering interaction and exchange of experience among these officials and giving them the means to exchange knowledge and conduct joint analysis of climate change issues of particular interest or concern, the project will speed development of good policies and accelerate the uptake of climate friendly technologies. This will help governments meet the objectives of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), including through activities undertaken by the private sector and other non-government entities.

Under the supervision of the Project Manager, Climate Change Network and the Head, Technology Transfer Unit, Energy Branch DTIE, the incumbent will specifically:

1. Support to the Network of Climate Change Officials:

- a) Participate in the organization of network members meetings, providing background information and suggesting priorities for discussion in relation to technology transfer.
- b) Produce focused pieces of analysis on technology transfer of wider mutual interest Network and nationally based activities.
- c) Identify and invite national and international experts who can develop and share experience on issues of common interest to the Network members.
- d) Maintain day-to-day contact with the national focal points and their staff, provide information and back-

up support, answer queries, and foster additional exchange among the members.

2. Provide Targeted Support to National Climate Change Offices and National Activities:

- a) Support national activities that build capacity or strengthen skills of technology institutes and faculties, as well as certification and standardization bodies in the network member countries.
- b) Identify good opportunities for offering targeted support, particularly when successful approaches can be adopted by other countries.
- c) Assist National Climate Change Focal Points in identifying specific technologies that might be developed or adopted at the national /regional level, and in implementing pilot projects.
- d) Identify the climate change technologies, services and approaches (both for mitigation and adaptation) that would be relevant for the targeted countries
- e) Support efforts by Network member countries to acquire technologies through projects linked to the Clean Development Mechanism.
- f) Provide technical support to network members on technology transfer issues, in particular in the development or adaptation of new standards and norms and in the adoption of efficient certification and enforcement procedures.
- g) Prepare Terms of Reference for consultants, identify suitable experts, and monitor the quality and timeliness of advisory services provided.
- h) Support development of specific programmes or approaches that hasten technology transfer by contributing to a clear understanding of barriers existing at the national level and ways in which they can be overcome, and support the preparation (if and when needed) of Technology Needs Assessments (TNAs) and Technology Market Assessments (TMAs).

3. Contribute to UNEP's overall climate change mitigation and technology transfer efforts:

- a) Collect and analyze information on the broad range of technology transfer issues, including technology and market developments, regulatory developments, new approaches and mechanisms for transfer of technologies and development of markets, political developments, and changes in public opinion.
- b) Contribute to the knowledge management process within the Technology Transfer Unit, the Energy Branch, and in other parts of DTIE and UNEP, ensuring regular sharing of information, lessons learned, experience, and knowledge on climate change and technology transfer.
- c) After the establishment of similar networks in other regions (e.g. Latin America, Africa, NIS), contribute to the transfer of knowledge and the network results to his or her counterparts.

Qualifications:

Education:

An advanced university degree in areas related to engineering or energy technology. A first university degree in one of these areas with a relevant combination of professional and academic qualifications is accepted in lieu of the advanced degree.

Experience:

At least five years of work experience in the specific area associated with the post, including related to sustainable energy technologies, energy efficiency, or technology transfer.

Competencies:

1. Professionalism: Knowledge of the technology and policy aspects of climate change mitigation in developing countries and the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the ability to implement theories in practice. Is conscientious and efficient in meeting commitments, observing deadlines and achieving results.
2. Teamwork: Demonstrate excellent teamwork skills and works collaboratively with colleagues to achieve organizational goals.
3. Respect for Diversity: Ability to initiate and promote collaborative approaches and implement joint activities undertaken by geographically and culturally disparate partners. Ability to work effectively with a wide range of stakeholders.

Languages:

English and French are the working languages of the United Nations Secretariat. For the advertised post, fluency in oral and written English is an absolute requirement.

Other Desirable Skills

Excellent computer skills (Word, Excel, and PowerPoint) are also required.

Depending on professional background, experience and family situation, a competitive compensation and benefits package is offered. **See UN website**

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Preference will be given to equally qualified women candidates.

Staff members are subject to the authority of the Secretary-General and to assignment by him or her. In this context, all staff are expected to move periodically to new functions in their careers in accordance with established rules and procedures.

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