



Internship Assignment

Mitigation, Data and Analysis (MDA) Programme
Review, Methods and Training Sub-programme

Deadline for application	Announcement number	Duration of assignment	Duty Station
26 June 2016	16/Intern011/MDA	Four months	Bonn, Germany

The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) is the focus of the political process to address Climate Change. The Convention secretariat supports the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol by a range of activities, including substantive and organizational support to meetings of the Parties.

Background

The Mitigation, Data and Analysis (MDA) programme supports the intergovernmental negotiations on matters relating to national communications, inventories, assigned amounts and policy instruments. MDA is also responsible for the substantive support of the international transaction log and registry systems under the Kyoto Protocol.

By Decision 1/CP.16 the COP established the International Assessment and Review (IAR) process for developed country Parties. The IAR process includes two steps: (i) a technical review of biennial reports (BR) and (ii) a multilateral assessment (MA) of developed country Parties' progress towards their quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets.

Objectives of the internship assignment

The intern is expected to support the work under the International Assessment and Review (IAR) process in the Review, Methods & Training sub-programme (RMT). Specifically, the intern will be engaged in the preparation of the tools such as the review practice guidance, and the preparation and implementation of the multilateral assessment of developed country Parties under the IAR process.

Learning element:

- Become familiar with the political background of Decision 1/CP.16 and 2/CP.17 with regard to the IAR and its multilateral assessment;
- Develop technical knowledge and deep understanding on the concept and functionalities of the BR common tabular format (CTF) application and the question and answer (Q&A) application under the MA

The particular functions are:

- Compile and analyze issues arising from the reviews (as outlined in the technical review reports), in order to provide inputs to the update of the Review Practice Guidance document prepared for expert reviewers;
- Update, under the guidance of the supervisor, the user manual for the BR CTF application;



- Analyze questions received during the MA process, under the guidance of the supervisor, to provide inputs to the preparation of the MA sessions. The results will be presented to relevant MDA and secretariat staff;
- Upon approval by supervisor, publish relevant documents to the 21 Parties records;
- Draft a synthesis and analysis report of the Q&A process, including recommendations for the further development and improvement of the Q&A application process under the multilateral assessment.

Timeframe

The internship is for four months, within the period between 15 August and 15 December 2016. The exact four-month period will be determined based on the availability of the intern and the needs of the programme. There is the possibility of an extension, subject to the intern's on-going university enrolment and performance.

Minimum requirements

Candidates must have completed an undergraduate degree and be enrolled in a Master's programme at a recognized university at the time of application and for the duration of the internship. Candidates must be fluent in English (both oral and written) and must have proficiency in the use of computerized systems, including databases. Developed analytical capability and capacity to learn quickly are also required. Studies in the field of Environmental Sciences, Environmental Policy, or other related fields with good understanding of climate change, are preferred.

Internship conditions

UNFCCC secretariat internships are not remunerated and the selected intern will be responsible for all costs before, during and after the internship assignment. Interns of the UNFCCC secretariat are not considered to be staff members. The selected intern will work on a full-time basis (i.e. 40 hours per week) at the UNFCCC premises in Bonn, Germany.

Application procedure

Candidates who are interested in this assignment and meet the minimum requirements are encouraged to send their curriculum vitae and a cover letter to internship@unfccc.int with the subject line: "Application: Internship: International Assessment and Review (IAR) process". Due to the high number of applications, only candidates under serious consideration will be contacted for a telephone interview. Closing date for application: 26 June 2016.
