



## Internship Assignment

Sustainable Development Mechanisms (SDM)  
Strategy and Relationship Management Unit (SRM)

Announcement number	Duration of assignment	Duty Station
17/Intern26/SDM-SRM	Two to six months	Bonn, Germany

### Background

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

**The Sustainable Development Mechanisms (SDM)** programme is leading in the development and effective implementation of innovative approaches to broaden the engagement in and effectiveness of action to mitigate climate change and drive sustainable development. SDM supports the operationalization of the cooperative approaches established by Article 6 of the Paris Agreement and broader efforts to engage non-Party stakeholders in climate action. SDM manages the NAZCA platform, supports the COP Presidencies' Climate Action Champions and supports the implementation of the three Kyoto mechanisms - the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM), Joint Implementation (JI), and International Emissions Trading (IET).

### Objectives of the internship assignment

The internship assignment is with the Strategy Development team in the Strategy and Relationship Management Unit in SDM. The team provides support in all matters related to strategy development for the mechanisms and its related issues. This includes, inter-alia, monitoring and analyzing domestic climate change policy, supporting the negotiations process and engaging with policy-makers and stakeholders, among other tasks.

Under the overall supervision of the Team Lead (P-3) and direct supervision of the Associate Programme Officer (P2), the intern will work closely on analyzing developments in global, regional and national carbon pricing and markets and mitigation policies, and capturing analysis in internal documents.

### The functions of the internship assignment are:

- Analyze domestic policy, policy developments and Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and compile into internal briefing notes on key actors and topics of relevance to carbon markets and carbon pricing approaches;



- Research market-based instruments for climate change mitigation of relevance to cooperative approaches and the mechanism established in Article 6 of the Paris Agreement and preparation of internal briefing notes;
- Identify and summarize the key points from climate change research papers and national climate change policies that are of relevance to carbon markets and carbon pricing approaches and the elaboration of Article 6 of the Paris Agreement.

### Learning areas:

During the period of the internship, a successful applicant will develop a deep understanding of the regulation of climate change using market based responses at both the international and the national levels; further develop their research skills to identify and analyze national and international climate change policies and learn about the role of carbon pricing as a policy tool for addressing climate change.

### Timeframe

**The internship is for a period of minimum two months to maximum six months**, the exact 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. The selected intern will work onsite at the UNFCCC campus in Bonn, Germany.

### 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. Studies in the fields of international relations, environmental law, environmental policy and/or environmental economics or other related fields with good understanding of climate change, are preferred. Candidates must be fluent in English (both oral and written). A working knowledge of Spanish and/or French is an asset. Good analytic skills with strong writing is desirable. An understanding of the international negotiations in relation to climate change is an asset.

### 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 (40 hours per week) at the UNFCCC premises in Bonn, Germany. For more detailed information about



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### **Application procedure**

Candidates who are interested in this assignment and meet the minimum requirements are encouraged to send their application including a cover letter through the on-line recruitment system available at <http://unfccc.int/secretariat/employment/recruitment>. Due to the high number of applications, only candidates under serious consideration will be contacted for a telephone interview.

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