



Announcement for Fellowship

Mitigation Division
Implementation Support Subdivision

Deadline for application	Announcement number	Expected date for entry on duty	Duration of appointment	Duty Station
12 August 2022	22/FPO3/M	As soon as possible	One year with possibility of extension	Bonn, Germany

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The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) is the focus of the political process to address Climate Change. The UNFCCC secretariat supports the Convention, its Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement through a range of activities, including substantive and organizational support to meetings of the Parties and the implementation of commitments. It is a dynamic organization working in a politically challenging environment to help resolve one of the defining environmental issues of our time.

Thanks to funding from the Government of Italy, the UNFCCC secretariat is launching a new round of the Capacity Award Programme to Advance Capabilities and Institutional Training in one Year (CAPACITY) Fellowship Programme with the aim of developing capacity of negotiators and therefore increasing the level of implementation of the Paris Agreement. The CAPACITY Fellowship Programme contributes to building capacity for addressing climate change in Small Islands Developing States (SIDS) and Least Developed Countries (LDCs), through the development of local professional expertise by:

- Supporting innovative analytical work on climate change in the context of sustainable development;
- Promoting a network of experts who can bring creative and innovative options to bear on questions of climate change;
- Encouraging the leadership potential of young and promising professionals in their fields.

The Programme target group consists of mid-career professionals who are already in a government's employment and who are nationals of and working in a SIDS or LDC Party. While Fellowships are awarded to individuals, the need for development/training, as described below, must occur within the context of the organization for which an applicant works. The training must help the organization to develop its capacity.

Where will you be working

This position is located in the UNFCCC secretariat in Bonn, Germany, in the NDC, LT-LEDS and Sectorial Support Unit of the Implementation Support Sub-division.

The NDC, LT-LEDS and Sectorial Support unit provides technical advice and support to Parties on: the preparation, communication and accounting of NDCs; the preparation and submission of long-term low greenhouse gas emission development strategies (LT-LEDS) and support on sectoral mitigation issues such as emissions from international aviation and maritime transport. The unit ensures that developments in high-impact sectors are monitored and utilized to inform relevant workstreams. The unit is also responsible for advising, programming of support activities and technical assistance to Parties, pertaining to facilitating the implementation of NDCs, LT-LEDS and sectoral policies / assessment of mitigation actions.



What you will be doing

Expertise is sought to support the unit in its analytical work on NDCs and LT-LEDS, including the development of NDC synthesis reports and the LT-LEDS synthesis report as well as in support of the implementation of the global stocktake processes on mitigation issues. For this purpose, you will undertake, including but not limited to, the following tasks:

- Assess and/or review submitted NDCs in terms of domestic mitigation measures and voluntary cooperation under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement;
- Assess submitted LT-LEDS in terms of mitigation targets and measures;
- Research, analyse and compile information related to mitigation options that are considered relevant to aligning global emissions with 1.5 °C pathways by IPCC and encouraged by the UNFCCC processes;
- Provide support to the global stocktake processes on mitigation issues, including information collection and preparation, technical assessment and consideration of outputs.

What we are looking for

Educational background

Required: Master degree in environmental studies, development studies, international relations, political science, policy studies, economics or a related field. A combination of a first-level university degree and an additional two years of relevant work experience may also be accepted in lieu of an advanced degree.

Experience

Required: At least three years of experience in climate change, climate change mitigation and/or policy analysis. Knowledge and experience in policies and programmes for climate change mitigation are essential. Working experience in an international and multi-cultural setting is highly desirable.

Language skills

Required: Proficiency in written and spoken English.

Desired: Knowledge of another UN official language.

Others

1. The Fellowship Programme is open to individuals who are
 - a. Currently employed in a governmental organisation (national, regional, provincial or local) including educational institutions, research institutes and ministries.
 - b. A national of an eligible LDC and SIDS country as listed in the following links (<https://www.un.org/development/desa/dpad/least-developed-country-category/lDCs-at-a-glance.html>) and <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/topics/sids/list> (UN members only).
 - c. Maximum of 40 years of age at the closing date of Fellowship Opportunity notice;
2. The secretariat values inclusiveness, diversity and gender equity.



The selection process

You may be invited for assessment of your technical/professional knowledge. If successful, you will be invited for the final stage of the selection process, which consists of an interview to assess the skills and aptitudes required to successfully perform the functions of the post.

At a certain point and as part of the selection process, each candidate will be requested to provide the following information:

- a. Obtain permission from their employer for leave of absence for the term of the Fellowship, and provide written certification that s/he will return to the Party's governmental institution for at least six months after her/his Fellowship;
- b. Obtain a written letter of intention by their employer that the new knowledge acquired during the fellowship will be integrated in the climate change activities of the government;
- c. Obtain written certification from their employer that the subject of the applied position is relevant to the needs of the organization.

Please note that you should not provide this information at this stage of application.

How to apply:

Candidates from SIDS and LDCs, whose qualifications and experience match what we are looking for, should use the online application system available at <http://unfccc.int/secretariat/employment/recruitment>

Please note:

1. This Programme is not intended for students, nor to provide support for an advanced degree, such as fieldwork for a PhD degree
2. We will confirm receipt of your application. However, only candidates who have been confirmed for an interview will receive notice of the outcome of the selection process.
3. The monthly stipend including allowances is EUR 4500.
4. The UNFCCC Secretariat will organise the return trip to Bonn.
