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Editor, P-3 Conference Affairs Division Documents Management Unit

Deadline for application	Announcement number	Expected date for entry on duty	Duration of appointment	Duty Station
21 April 2024	VA 24/013/CA	As soon as possible	Two years with possible 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.

Where you will be working

The position is located in the Conference Affairs division of the UNFCCC secretariat, more specifically in its Documents Management unit, which compiles conference documentation forecasts for transmission to the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG), edits and proofreads official and other documents and publications, manages documentation systems and tools, ensures the timely submission of official documents to UNOG and their publication on the secretariat's website, provides guidance to staff and management on documentation, editorial and technical issues, etc. You will work under the supervision of the Team Lead, Documents Management unit.

Your main responsibilities

Within limits of delegated authority, you will be responsible for the following duties:

- 1. Edits, proofreads and revises, in house and on mission at sessions of Convention bodies, various documents (including technical papers and reports, workshop reports, provisional agendas and annotations, decisions, conclusions and administrative and financial notes), publications and communications, including by:
 - Editing and proofreading to ensure accuracy, clarity and conformity with UNFCCC and UN editorial policy and style taking into account the politically sensitive nature of many of these documents:
 - b) Clarifying ambiguities, correcting substantive errors, verifying the accuracy of official and technical terminology, and checking quotations, document references and bibliographical data in consultation with authors and through research;
 - Revising text so that language is clear and correct, eliminating redundant or inappropriate
 material and rearranging passages to ensure cohesion and continuity and checking the format
 for conformity with UN and UNFCCC guidelines;
- 2. Provides editorial guidance and conducts quality control, including by:
 - a) Drafting and updating editorial guidelines and other documentation relating to procedural and policy aspects of the editing and documentation process;
 - b) Advising staff and management on editorial procedures and practices and providing training, as



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- necessary, to assist them in the preparation of manuscripts;
- c) Liaising with staff at UNOG and UNHQ on editorial issues;
- d) Reviewing the work of freelance editors to ensure it meets secretariat standards and task parameters, providing feedback to them and answering their queries.
- 3. Supports the Team Lead, as necessary, by assisting in tasks such as the following:
 - a) Managing the documentation process by deciding on editing assignments in collaboration with the team and keeping up to date on workload and document status;
 - b) Ensuring timely processing and submission of documents;
 - c) Editorial support planning;
 - d) Implementing measures to improve editing and documentation processes;
 - e) Implementing and promoting the use of new and existing ICT tools.

4. Performs other duties as assigned.

Competencies:

Applying Professional Expertise: Demonstrates a working knowledge and interest in the substantive functions of the work unit, including those not within own area of expertise; Manages effectively and fairly across different substantive functions to establish integrated, multidisciplinary teams to address complex issues; Coordinates the input of different functional specialists to achieve sound, integrated solutions; Drives others to develop their functional and substantive skillsets, and to build their understanding of related disciplines; Maintains and disseminates an understanding of best practice standards in all substantive areas represented within the work unit.

Being Accountable: Oversees the responsible use of the UN funds, assets and resources, and identifies ways to increase efficiency and effectiveness; Ensures that work delivered by the team is complete, accurate and of the highest quality; Promotes compliance with UN rules and regulations, and articulates the benefits of established procedures; Actively builds a climate of accountability among all staff in the team; Promptly and systematically addresses lapses in accountability within the work unit. **Being Responsive to Clients and Partners**: Identifies the work unit's key partners and clients, and

communicates information about these groups regularly to staff members; Takes swift action to address insufficient client service; Works with partners and clients to define client service standards, monitors the work unit's performance and reviews standards on a regular and ongoing basis; Thinks ahead to anticipate the needs of clients and other key stakeholders; Focuses systems and processes on the delivery of excellent client service, and acts quickly to address any barriers to success.

Working with Teams: Identifies, recognizes and shows appreciation for the unique contribution of each team member; Builds teams with a diverse mix of skills, experience and views and actively welcomes members regardless of their gender, nationality, religion or other backgrounds; Models collaboration in relationships with individual staff at all levels, as well as the wider team; Recognizes and celebrates team accomplishments; Creates cross functional linkages to foster wider internal and external collaboration; Works across organizational boundaries, overcoming barriers and obstacles to enhance cooperation.

Your qualifications

Educational Background:

Required:

University degree in a scientific or technical subject or a language-related area of study. Candidates with a degree in a different subject will be considered if they have substantial relevant work experience.



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Experience:

Required: A minimum of five (5) years of relevant experience in editing, revising and the

production of documents or publications. Experience in editing technical material to

ensure it is presented in an accurate and logical manner is an asset.

Language skills:

Required: Proficiency in English (both oral and written) is required. Excellent writing and

revising skills. Knowledge of other UN official languages is an advantage.

Specific professional knowledge and skills and Job-related skills:

Excellent interpersonal and communication skills, flexibility and organizational skills with strong capacity for multitasking, in particular in high-pressure situations and short time frames. Ability to work independently and proactively; ability to exercise considerable judgment, particularly in the case of politically sensitive texts; and ability to produce accurate work and remain flexible even in stressful conference situations.

What is the selection process?

Evaluation of qualified candidates may include a written assessment exercise which may be followed by a competency-based interview. The above listed set of competencies will be applied for this particular post.

How to apply:

Candidates, 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. Service is limited to the UNFCCC secretariat.
- 2. We will confirm receipt of your application. However, only candidates under serious consideration and contacted for an interview will receive notice of the final outcome of the selection process.
- 3. Indicative net annual salary and allowances:
 - US\$ 64,121 to 71,906.
 - (plus variable post adjustment, currently 43.6% of net salary),
 - plus other UN benefits as indicated in the link below:
 - https://unfccc.int/secretariat/employment/conditions-of-employment.html

UNFCCC secretariat is committed to diversity and inclusion within its workforce, and encourages candidates, irrespective of gender, nationality, religious and ethnic backgrounds, including persons with disabilities to apply.

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