



Internship Assignment

Finance, Technology and Capacity-building (FTC) Programme
Technology sub-programme

Application deadline	Announcement number	Duration of assignment
26 January 2017	17/Intern52/FTC-Technology	Three to four months

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 and its Kyoto Protocol through a range of activities, including substantive and organizational support to meetings of the Parties.

The Technology sub-programme leads the work related to addressing climate technologies under the Convention. It supports the work of the Parties in identification of their technology priorities and needs, and in responding to such priorities through specifically developed tools. One of such tools is the technology needs assessment process which was part of Technology Transfer Framework to support the implementation of Article 4.5 of the UNFCCC, and it is now discussed by Parties under the implementation element of the new technology framework established by the Paris Agreement to guide the work of the technology mechanism of the UNFCCC, including its policy arm body - the Technology Executive Committee -, and its implementation arm body - the Climate Technology Centre and Network.

The Technology Needs Assessment process is a country-driven process providing developing countries with an opportunity to identify and prioritize their climate change mitigation and adaptation technology needs. After the prioritization of key sectors for mitigation and adaptation, the process focuses on identification and prioritization of the most emission intensive mitigation, of the most vulnerable adaptation sectors and technologies, identification of barriers to transfer the prioritized technologies, and enablers to overcome the identified barriers. The developing countries, through the technology needs assessment process, also prepare their technology action plans for the uptake and transfer of prioritized technologies that will contribute to the country's social, environmental and economic development, and to climate change mitigation and adaptation. A technology action plan is made up of numerous specific actions having assigned timelines, responsibilities and resources.

Objectives of the internship assignment

The intern will support data collection, compilation and analysis of the most recent TNA reports prepared by developing countries. The outcome of the work of the intern will contribute to inform countries taking part in the climate negotiations of the technology needs of developing countries. The information generated with support from the intern will also contribute to the preparation of recommendations for how future efforts on upscaling technology transfer and uptake in developing countries could be shaped.



The intern will work with members of the Technology sub-programme and under the supervision of a programme officer for the technology needs assessment work-stream. The objective of the assignment is to support the development of the fourth synthesis report of technology needs assessments of developing countries. The fourth synthesis report will deliver a comprehensive analysis of information included in Phase II of the technology needs assessment project, and of information contained in the third technology needs assessment synthesis report.

Tasks:

The intern is expected to contribute to the work under the TNA work-stream. The intern will perform a range of activities **related to collecting, compiling and synthesizing information included in Phase II of the technology needs assessment project**, including but not limited to:

- Assist with data collection and data compilation in a database;
- Assist in the preparation of a synthesis report based on the collected data, including data analysis;
- Support preparation of briefs and other outreach material based on the synthesis report;
- Assist in the development of presentations based on the data analysis and synthesis;
- Assist in conducting surveys and interviews with experts;
- Participate in activities of the Technology sub-programme, including attending staff meetings, with a view to gaining understanding and insights into issues under other technology sub-programme work areas, the workings of the UNFCCC and its organizational culture;
- Assist in activities requested by the Technology sub-programme manager and team-lead as needed.

Timeframe

The internship is for a period of three to four months within the period 1 May 2018 to 31 August 2018. The exact period will be determined based on the availability of the intern and the needs of the sub-programme. There is the possibility of an extension up to a maximum of six months, subject to the intern's satisfactory performance, availability, and on-going enrolment.

Minimum requirements

Candidates must have completed an undergraduate degree and be enrolled in a master's or doctorate 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); French and/or Spanish language skills are an advantage; demonstrate excellent writing and communication skills; have good knowledge and understanding in data collection, compilation, synthesis and research; be able to work in a multi-cultural and multi-disciplinary environment. Studies in the fields of engineering, economics, communication, or public relations with a good understanding of climate change are preferred. Skills in producing databases, technical papers, background documents, infographics, and communications are an advantage.



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 UNFCCC Internship programme please visit the internships section on our recruitment webpage:

https://unfccc.int/secretariat/internship_programme/items/2653.php.

Application procedure

Candidates who are interested in this assignment and meet the minimum requirements must use the on-line application system available at

<http://unfccc.int/secretariat/employment/recruitment> and include a cover letter. Due to the high number of applications, only candidates under serious consideration will be contacted for a telephone interview. Closing date for application: **31 January 2017**.