



Internship Assignment

Sustainable Development Mechanisms (SDM)
Regulatory Development Unit (RDU)
Climate Finance

Announcement number	Duration of assignment	Duty Station
17/Intern36/SDM-RDU-climate finance	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 Regulatory Development Unit (RDU) of the Sustainable Development Mechanisms (SDM) Programme. RDU is primarily responsible for developing, improving and managing greenhouse gas (GHG) measurement, and for reporting and verifying (MRV) standards, procedures and guidelines in support of the Kyoto Protocol mechanisms and the Paris Agreement.

Under the direct supervision of the Programme Officer (P-3) and the overall guidance of the Team Lead (P-4), the intern will contribute to the analysis, evaluation and development of standards/guidelines relating to assessing and reporting investments and financing activities related to climate change.

The particular functions are:

- Conducting information gathering and analysis to understand:
 - Current private sector and financial initiatives aimed at identifying and factoring climate-related risks;
 - Methods for quantification of the carbon footprint of investment portfolios; and
 - Methods to ensure the alignment of private sector investment with the long-term climate goals of the Paris Agreement;



- Assisting with the identification of gaps and areas where opportunities for standardization or the harmonization of existing standards may be needed in the subject areas.

Learning areas

During the period of the internship, a successful candidate will develop a good understanding of:

- The UNFCCC processes which support actions to mitigate climate change and drive sustainable development;
- The status and trend of the activities related to the disclosure of climate-related risks, footprint of investment portfolios as well as the alignment of private sector investment along with the long-term climate goals; and
- The issues and challenges on the subject areas with regards to standardization.

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, the needs of the programme, and 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 or PhD programme at a recognized university at the time of application and for the duration of the internship;
- be enrolled in studies in the fields of finance, accounting, climate policy or other areas related to the subject matter;
- have excellent analytic skills, the ability to collect and organize large amounts of information from various sources, and process them into structured deliverables;
- have experience in the financial sector, application of internal carbon price, or carbon disclosure initiatives;
- be fluent in English (both oral and written).

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 internship 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 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.