



Announcement for Fellowship

Transparency Division MRV/ETF Reporting and Review Team.

Deadline for application	Announcement number	Expected date for entry on duty	Duration of appointment	Duty Station
12 August 2022	22/FPO7/T	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 you will be working

This fellowship is located in the UNFCCC secretariat in Bonn, Germany, in the Transparency Division which supports the intergovernmental process related to the MRV (measurement, reporting and verification) system under the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol, and the ETF (enhanced transparency framework) under the Paris Agreement, including by providing technical assistance to developing countries and training to experts engaged in the reporting, review and analysis processes. It supports work on relevant methodological issues, including in relation to greenhouse gas (GHG) inventories, REDD-plus, agriculture and Koronivia Joint Work on Agriculture, land use, land-use change and forestry (LULUCF), IPCC guidelines and common metrics. It also maintains a transparency data hub, which includes data and information management and analysis



The fellowship is in the AFOLU Unit of the MRV/ETF Reporting & Review Sub-division and reports to the Unit team lead, P-4. Your main role will be the coordination of the technical assessments of REDD+ Forest Reference Levels and/or Forest Reference Emission Levels, and technical analyses of REDD+ results, including the preparation of background documents and support to the assessment teams in their work. You will furthermore support the subdivision in achieving its goals, the purpose of which is to support all Parties in the implementation of reporting and review under the current MRV system, including international assessment and review (IAR), international consultation and analysis (ICA), GHG inventories and REDD+ activities, coordination of work on agriculture, including Koronivia and LULUCF, and overall coordination of negotiations on MRV, ETF, GHG inventories, REDD+, agriculture and LULUCF aspects. Additionally, the sub-division will facilitate the implementation of the ETF, including biennial transparency reports and tracking progress on NDC achievement and GHG inventories under the Paris Agreement.

What you will be doing

- Support analytical and methodological work relating to the AFOLU sector;
- Coordinate technical analyses of submissions on REDD+ activities;
- Provide technical support in the development of analytical tools used in the technical analyses processes;
- Provide substantive technical contributions to the discussions of the AFOLU sector within the overall existing MRV framework for Parties as well as in the transition to the ETF under the Paris Agreement;
- Support outreach activities of the unit and drafting communication materials.

Expertise is sought in the following areas:

- Interdisciplinary research and analytical skills, including experience on agriculture, forestry and land-use;
- Excellent communication and writing skills, including experience with drafting publications, articles and reports on land-use for different audiences;
- Experience with the UNFCCC process and/or international climate policy related to land-use is an asset.

What we are offering for the Fellow

What the Fellow will learn in this particular fellowship:

- Deepen understanding of the international climate change processes;
- On-the-job training on climate change agriculture, forestry and land use related matters; including reporting and review of national submissions;
- In-depth learning about the United Nations and intergovernmental work, in particular the consideration of land use and climate change in multilateral environmental agreements;
- Networking with relevant experts and organizations working on agriculture, forestry and land-use.



What we are looking for

Educational background

Required: Master degree in forestry, agriculture, nature conservation, management of natural resources, environmental science 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 the area of preparation and review of information included in national submissions (e.g. GHG inventories, BRs, BURs, NCs, and/or REDD+) under the Climate Change Convention, Kyoto Protocol or Paris Agreement, or comparable experience with the preparation and processing of technical information of similar complexity. Experience in climate change and sustainable development would be a strong asset.

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/lpcs-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.



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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.
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