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ПРОГРАММА ОРГАНИЗАЦИИ ОБЪЕДИНЕННЫХ НАЦИЙ ПО ОКРУЖАЮЩЕЙ СРЕДЕ

Finance Initiative

Innovative financing for sustainability

HEAD, FINANCE INITIATIVE UNIT, P5

United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative

United Nations Core Values: Integrity, Professionalism, Respect for Diversity

Position details

Job Title: Head, Finance Initiative Unit, P5

Department/ Office: United Nations Environment Programme

Location: Geneva

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About UNEP FI

The United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative (UNEP FI) is a global partnership between the financial sector and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). UNEP FI works closely with over 200 financial institutions to carry-out the mandate of identifying, promoting, and mainstreaming the adoption of best environmental and sustainable practices by financial institutions policy-makers. The backbone of the partnership is the UNEP Statement of Commitment by Financial Institutions on Sustainable Development, through which members openly recognize the role of the financial services sector in making the global economy sustainable, and commit to integrating environmental and social considerations into all aspects of their operations. UNEP FI's activities include research, training, and advocacy. The partnership's Secretariat is in Geneva, Switzerland.

www.unepfi.org

Org. Setting and Reporting

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) is the United Nations systems designated entity for addressing environmental issues at the global and regional level. Its mandate is to coordinate the development of environmental policy consensus by keeping the global environment under review and bringing emerging issues to the attention of governments and the international community for action.

The overall objective of the UNEP's Division of Technology, Industry and Economics (DTIE) is to encourage decision makers in government, local authorities and industry to develop and adopt policies, strategies and practices and technologies that promote sustainable patterns of consumption and production, make efficient use of natural resources, ensure safe management of chemicals and contribute to making trade and environment policies mutually supportive. It promotes the development, use and transfer of policies, technologies, economic instruments, managerial practices and other tools that assist in environmentally sound decision making and the building of corresponding activities. This post is located in the UNEP Finance Initiative (UNEP FI) unit, Economics and Trade Unit Branch (ETB), UNEP/DTIE at the Paris duty station. Under the supervision of the Chief, Economics and Trade Unit Branch (ETB) and the overall supervision of the Director, DTIE, the incumbent will carry out the following duties:

Responsibilities

1. Develop, direct and implement the work programme of UNEP Finance Initiative (UNEP FI), in coordination with the UNEP FI Steering Committee and DTIE Senior Management; Co-ordinate activities globally within the UNEP FI work programme and with banking, investment and insurance industry partners.
2. Foster synergies between the programme activities and the programme of work of UNEP; Co-ordinate joint activities with other units of UNEP, build partnerships with UN programmes, organizations, specialized agencies, Non-Governmental Organizations and governments; monitor progress of activities and projects and assess the appropriateness and effectiveness of results achieved; organise global annual meetings, regional meetings, outreach and training workshops targeted at decision makers in the financial sector, government or communities.
3. Carry out high level consultation on a global basis on matters related to the sustainable finance initiative; Develop policy initiatives on programme issues for intergovernmental and interagency meetings of ministers; Co-ordinate and guide the development of policy initiatives by subordinates; Provide to the financial sector advice on policy issues; Assist governments in organising and convening intergovernmental meetings of policy makers and technical experts.
4. Direct and formulate a budgetary policy for the programme; direct and implement a fund raising programme to support the activities of the programme; Determine priorities for budget allocation; Monitor financial performance of the activities to ensure cost effective implementation of the work programme; Supervise staff in the unit; Perform other related duties as assigned.

Competencies

Professionalism: Strong analytical skills. Demonstrates professional competence and mastery of the financial services industry and sector, in member services role in partnerships, in international communities and institutions, and in sustainable development. Demonstrates professional competence and is conscientious and efficient in meeting commitments and achieving results.

Leadership - Provide leadership to the work of the Unit to empower others and translate vision into results; and be proactive in developing strategies to accomplish objectives; establish and maintain relationships with a broad range of people to understand needs and support; take responsibility for ensuring equal participation of men and women in all areas of work.

Communication: Excellent drafting ability and communication skills, both oral and written; Demonstrates openness in sharing information and keeping people informed.

Creativity: Actively seeks to improve programmes or services; Offers new and different options to solve problems or meet client needs. Promotes and persuades others to consider new ideas.

Education

Advanced university degree (Master's degree or equivalent) in international finance, business administration or Environment/Resource Economics or related area. A first-level university degree in combination with qualifying experience may be accepted in lieu of the advanced university degree. Special emphasis on economics training is desired.

Work Experience

A minimum of 10 years of progressively responsible experience relating to finance, investment, insurance, economics and environment is required, some of which should be at the international level. A minimum of 3 years of managerial experience is required.

Languages

English and French are the working languages of the United Nations Secretariat. For the post advertised, fluency in oral and written English is required. Working knowledge of other UN official language(s) is desirable.

Assessment Method

Evaluation of qualified candidates for this position may include a substantive assessment which will be followed by a competency-based interview.

Special Notice

Staff members are subject to the authority of the Secretary-General and to assignment by him or her. In this context, all staff are expected to move periodically to new functions in their careers in accordance with established rules and procedures. This position is funded for an initial period of one year and may be subject to extension. All applicants are strongly encouraged to apply on-line as soon as possible after the job opening has been posted and well before the deadline stated in the job opening. On-line applications will be acknowledged where an email address has been provided. If you do not receive an e-mail acknowledgement within 24 hours of submission, your application may not have been received. In such cases, please resubmit the application, if necessary. If the problem persists, please send an email to inspirasupport@un.org quoting the job opening number in the subject header of your email.

United Nations Considerations

The United Nations shall place no restrictions on the eligibility of men and women to participate in any capacity and under conditions of equality in its principal and subsidiary organs. (Charter of the United Nations - Chapter 3, article 8). The United Nations Secretariat is a non-smoking environment.

Application

Application for this position must be made through the UN Human Resources online database Inspira, www.inspira.un.org.

For instructions on how to set up your profile on Inspira, please download the document here: https://careers.un.org/lbw/attachments/Inspira-How_to_get_started.pdf.

Once you have are registered on Inspira, access the online job description here: https://inspira.un.org/psp/PUNA1J_1/EMPLOYEE/HRMS/c/UN_HOMEPAGE_E.UN_HOM_LANDI_NG_E.GBL.
