

## UNEP Finance Initiative – Senior Project Manager

**Role:** Support a UNEP FI flagship work-stream on Positive Impact Finance .

**Location:** Geneva, Switzerland

**Duration:** 80% or full time – 1 year fixed term appointment, with possibility of renewal for up to two years.

**Start date:** 1 July 2016

**Remuneration:** competitive for not-for-profit

### About the UNEP Finance Initiative

Founded in 1992 in the context of the Earth Summit in Rio, and based in Geneva, Switzerland, the United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative (UNEP FI) was established as a platform associating the United Nations and the financial sector globally. The need for this unique United Nations partnership arose from the growing recognition of the links between finance and sustainable development challenges, and the role financial institutions could play for a more sustainable world. See [www.unepfi.org](http://www.unepfi.org).

### About Positive Impact Finance

“Positive Impact Finance is that which verifiably produces a positive impact on the economy, society or the environment once any potential negative impacts have been duly identified and mitigated.”

An estimated \$5-7 trillion a year until 2030 are needed to realize the Sustainable Development Goals worldwide, including investments into infrastructure, clean energy, water and sanitation and agriculture. Banks alone manage \$140 trillion of assets and institutional investors over \$100 trillion. Capital markets, including bonds and equities, exceed \$100 trillion and \$73 trillion respectively.

The aim of the banks and investors who have endorsed the Positive Impact Manifesto is to move from the current situation where there is only marginal market traction for achieving positive impact, to one where positive impact becomes commercially attractive, and therefore an integral part of the market economy.

To this end a Positive Impact Roadmap has been drawn up whereby banks and investors will work with solution providers, programme initiators and the wider community of stakeholders on two complementary fronts: the Positive Impact Incubator and Positive Impact Principles ultimately aimed at delivering a vibrant market place for positive impact needs, solutions and finance.

### Duties and Responsibilities

- Apply banking and investment expertise to support the UNEP FI work-stream on Positive Impact Finance, implementing the Positive Impact Roadmap in close collaboration with the UNEP FI Secretariat and its member organizations.
- Pro-actively engage with banks, investors and key stakeholders to build the Positive Impact community and raise awareness on its potential to achieve the financing of the Sustainable Development Goals.
- Plan and convene stakeholder roundtables, including with investors, banks, corporates, investment intermediaries, policy makers, rating agencies and audit companies to help deliver the Positive Impact Principles.
- Co-develop the Positive Impact Assessment Framework in close collaboration with the members of the Positive Impact Working Group (PIWG) and the UNEP FI Secretariat.
- Foster the development of pilot projects under the Positive Impact Incubator, adapting to local and country specific needs and expectations.
- Plan and contribute to related mapping and analytical research.

- Generate high-quality content for mainstream and industry media; represent UNEP FI and the work stream in key financial and investment conferences and forums;
- Contribute to fundraising efforts to strengthen the work stream and its development.

### **Qualifications and Skills**

- Graduate degree (MBA or equivalent qualifications) in economics, finance, business or related discipline.
- 8 to 10 years of extensive relevant banking and investment banking industry experience, preferably in client-facing teams and possibly with experience in developing sustainable finance products.
- Excellent understanding of the levels of influence of actors in the financial system, including the mainstream private and public financing chain.
- Proven track record of conducting research and of drafting analytical reports.
- Proven experience in convening and interacting with investment and banking professionals, including business developers, risk managers, asset managers, investment bankers as well as C-suite audiences.
- Strong sense of how the finance industry should contribute to shape alternative business models and financing models fit for sustainable development.
- Team player with the ability to build strong internal relationships, external networks and navigate between different market actors and stakeholders.
- Motivated self-starter who enjoys working in a highly collaborative and international environment.
- Diplomacy, tact, good interpersonal skills.
- Global outlook and experience in, or exposure to multiple geographical areas.
- Comfortable with and prepared for global travel.
- Outstanding communication skills, with proficiency in both written and spoken English. French is an asset.

### **Core UN competencies**

**Professionalism:** Knowledge of project development and planning; Excellent coordination, organization and planning skills, with the ability to work under pressure; Focus on impact and results; Conscientious and efficient in meeting commitments, observing deadlines and achieving results; Shows persistence when faced with difficult problems or challenges; Demonstrates thoroughness and looks for ways to improve and promote quality and applies feedback to improve performance; Monitors own work to ensure quality; Manages competing demands and changes approach or methods to suit the situation.

**Planning and Organizing:** Ability to identify priority activities and assignments, handle multiple activities and projects concurrently and make necessary adjustments as required; Ability to foresee risks and allow for contingencies when planning; Develops clear goals that are consistent with agreed strategies; Identifies priority activities and assignments; Uses time efficiently; Gathers and analyzes information skillfully; Develops alternative solutions and is objective even when dealing with stressful situations.

**Teamwork:** Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships in a multi-cultural, multi-ethnic environment with sensitivity and respect for diversity; Ability to lead and gain assistance and cooperation of others in a team endeavor; Gives and welcomes feedback; Contributes to building a positive team spirit; Puts success of team above own interests; Able to build morale and group commitments to goals and objectives; Supports everyone's efforts to succeed.



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