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Job opportunity: United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative / Principles for Responsible Investment

Project Manager, PRI in Emerging Markets and Developing Countries

Location: UNEP FI, Geneva

Duration: 12 months consultancy

Start date: asap

Remuneration: US\$ 5,000 per month
(this is a fixed rate consultancy contract rate: no pension, health or other benefits
provided)

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Description:

The position is based at the United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative (UNEP FI), which is a global partnership between UNEP and the financial sector. Over 170 institutions, including banks, insurers and fund managers, work with UNEP to understand the impacts of environmental and social considerations on financial performance. <http://www.unepfi.org>

The Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI) provide a global framework for the integration of environmental, social and corporate governance issues into investment decision-making and ownership practices. <http://www.unpri.org>

This position is for 12 months, with possibility of extension depending on funding and suitability. It will involve implementing the PRI in emerging markets and developing countries in Africa, Asia-Pacific, Central and Eastern Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East.

The role will involve five main activities:

- Promoting the PRI and building capacity among emerging market investors
- Developing and disseminating environmental, social and governance (ESG) research, analysis and benchmarking
- Coordinating collaborative investor engagement on ESG issues to drive responsible business practice in emerging markets and developing countries
- Identifying and addressing systemic constraints to responsible investment
- Assisting with various administrative aspects of the PRI, such as supporting current signatories in implementation, coordinating ongoing signatory recruitment, fundraising and other administrative tasks as required by the PRI and UNEP FI teams.

The candidate should have an understanding of responsible investment, and a strong interest in emerging market and developing country investment.

Requirements:

- Degree in a PRI-related field (master's preferred but not essential)
- Relevant work experience
- Ability to relate to and engage with a wide range of investment professionals from different regions
- Ability to learn quickly
- Attention to detail
- Ability to complete tasks
- Some knowledge and understanding of shareholder engagement activities around environmental, social and corporate governance issues
- Good working knowledge of relevant technology
- Excellent verbal and written communications skills
- High level written English ('Plain English' style), and ideally one other language relevant to emerging markets. Writing, editing and proofreading skills will be viewed positively.
- Well-organised and reliable; ability to work effectively without direct supervision
- Willing to conduct conference calls in different time zones where necessary (not a typical 9-5 job)
- Diplomacy and tact; ability to work in teams and get on well with people

This is a team role and the ability to work effectively as part of a team is a fundamental requirement for the position.

Applicants from emerging markets and developing countries are encouraged.

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).

Please send your CV and covering letter explaining why you are suited to this job to info@unpri.org by 30 April 2008. Please attach your covering letter as a separate document, rather than in the email text. Interviews will be in London and/or Geneva in early May.

For more information, please contact info@unpri.org