



TEMPORARY JOB OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT

P4

TJO Grade Level¹

**REDD+ Safeguards Specialist
and Inter-Agency Coordinator**

Functional Title

DEPI

Department/Office/Division/ Service/Section

PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT

Job Network and Job Family (See list on page 3-4)*

25/03/2014

Deadline
(DD/MM/YYYY)

Duty Station:	GENEVA	Estimated Start Date:	02/05/2014
Duration of need:	364 days	Open to External Candidates?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Background:

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. UNEP's Division of Environmental Policy Implementation (DEPI) works with international and national partners, providing technical assistance and advisory services for the implementation of environmental policy, and strengthening the environmental management capacity of developing countries and countries with economies in transition. This post is located in the Terrestrial Ecosystems Unit of UNEP/DEPI but outposted in Geneva. Under the general guidance of the Chief, Terrestrial Ecosystems Unit, and direct supervision of the Head of the UNEP UN-REDD Team, the Temporary Programme Officer will be responsible for the following functions:

Responsibilities

- a) Facilitate UN-REDD Programme agencies in their support to countries on safeguards
- Coordinate the support provided by the agencies to safeguards and safeguard information system work in countries, as requested
 - Engage with regional and country staff from all three of the UN-REDD agencies to support them in their engagement with countries, as requested, in order to enhance synergies and draw lessons learned
 - Provide substantive input into in-country materials, trainings and capacity building on safeguards, in collaboration with FAO, UNDP and UNEP-WCMC
 - Document and regularly update information on safeguards work in order to strengthen UN-REDD support to countries
 - Lead preparation of communication and briefing materials on safeguards and safeguard information systems for use in countries
- b) Coordinate the UN-REDD Programme's inter-agency work at the global level on safeguards
- Provide substantive input into tools and guidance developed at global programme level, in collaboration with FAO, UNDP and UNEP-WCMC, for national approaches to safeguards
 - Provide substantive input into tools and guidance, in collaboration with FAO, UNDP and UNEP-WCMC, on the development of Safeguards Information Systems
 - Convene the inter-agency Safeguards Coordination Group
 - Coordinate the semi-annual/annual monitoring and reporting to the UN-REDD Programme on safeguards
 - Provide regular updates to the Secretariat and Senior Management of the UN-REDD Programme on the interagency work on

¹ For eligibility and other conditions, please see the Notes at the end of this form.

safeguards

- Document lessons learned to make linkages across countries and regions and promote South-South exchange
- Engage with the World Bank and other multilaterals and NGOs working with safeguards for REDD+ to enhance global-level coordination of these programmes
- Organize safeguards side events and information sessions at meetings such as UN-REDD Policy Board and the UNFCCC meetings, on behalf of the UN-REDD Programme.
- Document lessons learned and success stories on safeguards to improve South-South collaboration.

COMPETENCIES

Professionalism: The candidate must be experienced in supporting environmental policy development in countries and have a working knowledge of technical issues related to sustainable development. Ability to identify issues, analyze and participate in the resolution of issues/problems. Ability to apply judgment in the context of assignments given, plan own work and manage conflicting priorities. Shows pride in work and in achievements; demonstrates professional competence and mastery of subject matter; is conscientious and efficient in meeting commitments, observing deadlines and achieving results; is motivated by professional rather than personal concerns; shows persistence when faced with difficult problems or challenges; remains calm in stressful situations. Takes responsibility for incorporating gender perspectives and ensuring the equal participation of women and men in all areas of work.

Communication: Speaks and writes clearly and effectively; listens to others, correctly interprets messages from others and responds appropriately; asks questions to clarify, and exhibits interest in having two-way communication; tailors language, tone, style and format to match audience; demonstrates openness in sharing information and keeping people informed.

Teamwork: For this position, the team is the wider UN-REDD Programme team working on safeguards, so involves staff from FAO and UNDP as well as UNEP. Works collaboratively with colleagues to achieve organizational goals; solicits input by genuinely valuing others' ideas and expertise; is willing to learn from others; places team agenda before personal agenda; supports and acts in accordance with final group decision, even when such decisions may not entirely reflect own position; shares credit for team accomplishments and accepts joint responsibility for team shortcomings.

Planning and Organizing: Develops clear goals that are consistent with agreed strategies; identifies priority activities and assignments; adjusts priorities as required; allocates appropriate amount of time and resources for completing work; foresees risks and allows for contingencies when planning; monitors and adjusts plans and actions as necessary; uses time efficiently.

Client Orientation: Considers all those to whom services are provided to be "clients" and seeks to see things from clients' point of view; establishes and maintains productive partnerships with clients by gaining their trust and respect; identifies clients' needs and matches them to appropriate solutions; monitors ongoing developments inside and outside the clients' environment to keep informed and anticipate problems; keeps clients informed of progress or setbacks in projects; meets timeline for delivery of products or services to client.

For Managerial Positions:

QUALIFICATIONS

Experience: A minimum of seven years of progressively responsible experience related to social and environmental sustainability and impact assessment in an international development context . Experience with developing and/or applying social and environmental safeguards as well as sustainable development is a definite advantage. Experience with the UN system is a definite advantage. Experience working closely with governments. Experience working in developing countries is desirable. Qualifying years of experience are calculated following the receipt of the first level university degree recognized by the United Nations..

Education: The incumbent should have either an advanced university degree (Master's degree or equivalent) in natural resources management, international development, sustainable development or related fields; or a first level university degree in combination with qualifying experience may be accepted in lieu of the advanced university degree.

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. Knowledge of French and/or Spanish is desirable.

Other Skills:

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED:

- Cover Letter
- Personal History Profile (visit <https://inspira.un.org> to generate a PHP)
- Proof of required academic credentials (for external applicants)
- Employment verification letter from most recent employer (for external applicants)
- Last two completed Performance Appraisal or two Reference Letters for external applicants
- Other:

ALL SUBMISSIONS TO BE SENT TO:

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<p><u>POLITICAL, PEACE AND SECURITY</u></p> <p>Political Affairs Humanitarian Affairs Human Rights Civil Affairs Electoral Affairs Rule of Law</p>	<p><u>CONFERENCE MANAGEMENT</u></p> <p>Conference Services Language</p>
<p><u>INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY</u></p> <p>Information Systems and Technology Information Management</p>	<p><u>SAFETY AND SECURITY</u></p> <p>Security Safety</p>

Notes:

- A current staff member who holds a **fixed-term, permanent or continuing appointment** may apply for temporary positions no more than one level above his or her current grade. However, a current staff member who holds an appointment at the G-6 or G-7 level may also apply to temporary positions in the Professional category up to and including the P-3 level, subject to meeting all eligibility and other requirements for the position. A staff member holding a **temporary appointment** shall be regarded as an external candidate when applying for other positions, and may apply for other temporary positions at any level, subject to staff rule 4.16 (b) (ii). Therefore, a staff member holding a temporary appointment in the General Service or related categories may only apply to positions within those categories. For full information on eligibility requirements, please refer to section 5 of [ST/AI/2010/4/Rev.1](#) on Temporary Appointments. In its resolution 66/234, the General Assembly further “*stressed that the Secretary-General should not recur to the practice of temporarily filling posts in the Professional and higher categories with General Service staff members who have not passed the General Service to Professional category examination other than on an exceptional basis, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that temporary occupation of such posts by the General Service staff shall not exceed a period of one year, effective 1 January 2013...*” Consequently, eligible candidates in the General Service or related categories for temporary job openings in the Professional category that have not passed the competitive examination may be selected only on an exceptional basis endorsed by the Office of Human Resources Management where no other suitable candidate could be identified.
- Subject to the funding source of the position, this temporary job opening may be limited to candidates based at the duty station.
- While this temporary assignment may provide the successful applicant with an opportunity to gain new work experience, the selection for this position is for a limited period and has no bearing on the future incumbency of the post. An external candidate selected for this position is bound by the prevailing condition of the staff selection system under [ST/AI/2010/3](#), as amended, and [ST/AI/2010/4/Rev.1](#). A staff member holding a temporary appointment who is recruited in the Professional and above categories on a temporary appointment, and placed on a position authorized for one year or longer may not apply for or be reappointed to his/her current position within six months of the end of his/her current service. This provision does not apply to staff members holding temporary appointments and placed on positions authorized for one year or more in duty stations authorized for peacekeeping operations or special political missions.
- The expression “Internal candidates”, shall mean staff members who have been recruited after a competitive examination under staff rule 4.16 or after the advice of a central review body under staff rule 4.15.
- Please note that candidates will be required to meet the requirements of Article 101, paragraph 3, of the Charter as well as the requirements of the position. The United Nations is committed to the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity for all its human resources, including but not limited to respect for international human rights and humanitarian law. Candidates may be subject to screening against these standards, including but not limited to whether they have committed, or are alleged to have committed criminal offences and/or violations of international human rights law and international humanitarian law.
- For information on special post allowance, please refer to [ST/AI/1999/17](#). For more details on the administration of temporary appointments please refer to [ST/AI/2010/4/Rev.1](#).
- The Staff Regulations, Staff Rules and administrative issuances governing staff appointments can be viewed at: http://www.un.org/hr_handbook/English .