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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT: UNU-INWEH INTERNSHIP (Sustainable Development Goals (SDG))

Internship Reference Number: UNU-INWEH/Intern.2017.01

Application deadline: 15 January 2017

Policy support tools and water-related Sustainable Development Goals

Background:

Although data are the lifeblood of decision-making, it has been internationally recognised that too often, existing water and sanitation data remain unused because they are not accessible, not of high quality, not well harmonized, or not available at the level of detail or in the form required for decision making. There is also a need to move from collecting and analysing data from different tools separately, to using a single, agreed evidence base that is fit-for-policy.

The key product of this initiative is the SDG Policy Support System (SDG PSS). After existing data are collated into the SDG PSS, the system automatically synthesises and evaluates that data against SDG 6 targets and indicators and fit-for-policy evidence are reported to decision makers in easily referenced summaries. The data that are targeted by the SDG PSS are water-related, but cover a range of policy-critical themes, including gender mainstreaming, financing, disaster risk reduction/resilience mainstreaming, capacity assessment, and policy and institutional assessment.

The SDG Policy Support System is being trialed in five countries – Republic of Korea, Ghana, Costa Rica, Pakistan and Tunisia. In 2018 it will be freely available online in English, French and Spanish.

We are looking for an intern to assist in the development of the excel-based SDG Policy Support System in particular, and support the work on accelerating the progress against water-related SDGs in general.

Intern Responsibilities:

- Updating, improving, and overall management of excel-based tools
 - The management of excel tools will require liaison with people from different countries and with a range of user needs
 - Included in this management is the design and writing of related documents
- Contributing knowledge and ideas for innovation to the project and associated products

Internship Requirements:

- Eligibility requirements as available at: <http://inweh.unu.edu/internships/>
- A final year undergraduate student or a postgraduate student or recent degree holder

Position Requirements:

- Excellent experience in information management
- Considerable experience using and designing products in Excel
- Proficient in written and spoken English
- Attention to detail
- Good interpersonal skills

Desired Skills:

- An understanding of water management concepts and the Sustainable Development Goals
- Experience in or knowledge of one of the five policy-critical themes noted in the background
- Knowledge of French and/or Spanish will be considered an asset

Duration and Start Date:

The duration of internship is at least 3 months, which may be extended to 6 months depending on the need and work progress. The internship is expected to start at a mutually agreed date in February or March 2017. The internship is not remunerated.

Location and Hours:

The successful candidate will be based at UNU-INWEH in Hamilton, Ontario. Interns work full time during the regular hours of UNU-INWEH 8:30 – 17:00 Monday to Friday.

Application Procedure:

Interested applicants should apply before 15 January 2017 by following the application procedure available at: <http://inweh.unu.edu/internships/>

Important Note:

Please quote the reference number in the email subject line and send your application to Lisa.Guppy@unu.edu