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Call for a roster of consultants in education statistics

Rationale:

As one of its main activities, the Regional Bureau for Education in Latin America and the Caribbean and UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) collaborate with countries in the development of their capacities for the production and reporting of education statistics. This type of technical cooperation helps countries to identify their information needs and improve their statistical processes with the ultimate purpose of formulating and monitoring national and regional education policies based on quality information.

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development adopted by UN Member States in September 2015 will greatly increase the need for data to produce the indicators for monitoring the different targets defined by the Education goal. To address that demand, UNESCO will be implementing in the coming years an ambitious work plan to increase and improve the production of internationally-comparable statistics on education.

The work plan will require to focus on the main types of education data sources existing at the country level, such as school censuses, administrative data, household survey data and learning outcomes assessments to articulate the best responses possible for the production of cross-national comparable data on diverse areas: statistics at different education levels (e.g. early childhood education, primary and secondary education, higher education, etc.), education finance statistics, teachers, learning outcomes measures, equity, information and communication technologies (ICT) in education.

Within this context, UNESCO Santiago and UIS are looking for experienced statisticians and similar professionals interested in supporting the implementation of that work plan of UNESCO for Latin America and the Caribbean by the provision of short-term consultancies related to the development of education statistics in some of the areas mentioned above. This work will take place in 2016 and 2017.

Required profile

Education	University degree (preferably at Master's level) in statistics or close discipline (such as demography, economics or mathematics) or in the field of education and other social sciences with a substantial component of applied statistics or equivalent knowledge gained in the professional work
Experience	At least 5 years of relevant professional experience in social statistics with a strong education component and project management at the national, regional or international level. Experience in national and/or international data collection processes, with involvement in statistical and technical capacity building activities preferably in the field of Education.
Languages	Excellent knowledge of either English or Spanish is essential. Excellent knowledge of one of these two languages plus a good knowledge of the other will be highly valued.
General Competencies	Ability to work in culturally sensitive contexts and achieve results under sometimes challenging circumstances. Excellent communication abilities and writing skills in drafting reports and presentations. Have a good sense of dialogue and related skills to create consensus. Advanced computer skills in MS Office and some statistical programming skills.

How to apply:

Persons wishing to be considered for the roster of consultants are invited to submit electronically a complete CV to: ao.santiago@unesco.org . The CV must be presented either in English or Spanish by filling Form HR 5-1. Please use "Roster of consultants in education statistics" as the e-mail subject.

Closing date: February 28, 2016.