



United Nations
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OPEN POSITION:
Consultant - UNESCO Windhoek Office
Ref. 02/014
Starting date: 01/Feb/2014

Post title: **Consultant (Natural Sciences)**
Organisational unit: **UNESCO Windhoek Office**
Duty station Windhoek, Namibia
Ref. 02/014
Duration: **Five months**
Closing date **15 December 2013**

Purpose of post: Act as FETWater Phase III coordinator in the UNESCO Windhoek Office and be responsible for identification, planning, organization, implementation, monitoring, evaluation and support for FETWater Phase III programme and activities in the SADC countries.

Main responsibilities: Under the overall authority of the Director of the UNESCO Windhoek Office and the direct authority and supervision of the Science programme officer in Windhoek, the incumbent will carry out the following duties:

- Identify country learning needs on water-related matters and design a framework of action in cooperation with the SADC secretariat through the Water Strategy Reference Group (WSRG) meetings;
- Contribute to the design of the activities for the project and ensure implementation of these activities;
- Ensure cooperation with other WSRG programmes and UNESCO sectors for the formulation of interdisciplinary activities where appropriate;
- Develop and maintain regular contacts with WSRG and assist governments and other partners in the identification, planning and implementation of activities related to FETWater Phase III programme;
- Contribute to the design of a resource mobilization strategy and mobilize extra-budgetary resources for projects aimed at consolidating and complementing the FETWater Phase III Programme;
- In coordination with the Science programme specialist in Windhoek office and the Division of Water Sciences at Headquarters, and through active partnerships with National IHP Committees, implement the FETWater Phase III programme in the SADC region, with the aim of fostering the integrated and sustainable management of water resources as well as transboundary cooperation.

Profile:

- Advanced university degree (Masters) in the field of International Relations, Environmental Studies or related fields.
- 4-7 years of relevant professional experience in the field of natural sciences, or related fields. At least four years acquired at the international level, preferably within a UN body. A sound understanding of UN functioning is an asset. Proven professional experience in developing, managing and executing projects and programmes in the field of natural sciences. Experience in knowledge sharing processes and in designing training courses on water-related subjects is an asset.



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- Proven experience in designing and managing outreach and communications activities;
- Previous experience in coordinating water-related projects at the international level (highly desirable);
- Proven experience working with government representatives and officials and with the scientific community;
- Excellent knowledge of English and a good working knowledge of French (official languages of UNESCO). Portuguese would be an asset. Excellent drafting skills in English are essential.

We will consider applications until 15 December 2013. Please send your application (CV and cover letter) to Mrs. Emmarentia Irion at e.irion@unesco.org