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| <b>Title:</b>                     | Project Officer  |
| <b>Domain:</b>                    | Water Sciences-Natural Sciences                              |
| <b>Organizational Unit:</b>       | Groundwater Systems and<br>Settlements                       |
| <b>Primary Location:</b>          | UNESCO Headquarters, Paris                                   |
| <b>Type of Contract:</b>          | Service Contract   |
| <b>Duration:</b>                  | 6 months (renewable)   |
| <b>Salary:</b>                    | 3 274 Euros/Month  |
| <b>Deadline:</b>                  | 24 October 2017 (midnight, Paris<br>time)                    |
| <b>Application to be sent to:</b> | <a href="mailto:s.taheri@unesco.org">s.taheri@unesco.org</a> |

## OVERVIEW OF THE FUNCTIONS OF THE POSITION

### I. Background

In the framework of the UNESCO Programme and Budget 2016 – 2017 (38 C/5) and in line with the activities of the Section on Groundwater Systems and Settlements (GSS) addressing Theme 2 of the eighth phase of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP-VIII), “Groundwater in a changing environment”, the incumbent shall contribute to the implementation of i) the groundwater resources component of the extrabudgetary project “International Waters Learning Exchange and Resource Network 4” (IW:LEARN 4) and ii) the “Integrated Monitoring of Water and Sanitation related SDG Targets – GEMI initiative”, including activities related to the implementation and monitoring of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) indicator 6.5.2 on transboundary cooperation. The incumbent will act under the supervision of the Chief of Section Groundwater Systems and Settlements (SC/HYD/GSS) at UNESCO HQs.

The IW:LEARN 4 project (GLO0095356) is devoted to strengthening knowledge management capacity and promote scaled-up learning of disseminated experiences, tools and methodologies for transboundary waters management—across and beyond the GEF International Waters (IW) portfolio. The Sub-Component 3.2 will seek to enhance the capacity of the GEF System in groundwater issues, and in particular in conjunctive surface and groundwater management, through awareness raising.

The ‘GEMI initiative’ (251GLO2000), established in 2014, is an UN inter-agency initiative operating in a coordinated manner under the UN-Water umbrella. GEMI’s long term goal is to (i) establish and manage, by 2030, a coherent monitoring framework for water and sanitation to inform the post-2015 period, and (ii) contribute to country progress through well-informed decision-making on water, based on harmonized, comprehensive, timely and accurate information. To measure progress on transboundary cooperation in accordance to SDG target 6.5, indicator 6.5.2 was adopted. UNESCO has been proposed as co-custodian agency for indicator 6.5.2. In 2017, all countries having transboundary basins in their territory have been invited to report on their national value of SDG 6.5.2 indicator through a dedicated template, to track the progress on transboundary

cooperation under SDG 6, target 6.5. Several global SDG reports and data bases, including a dedicated report on SDG 6.5.2 and the UN-Water SDG 6 synthesis report and contributing to the SDG High Level Forum, will be published in 2018 based on the results of this reporting exercise.

## II. Duties and requirements

Acting under the direct supervision of the Chief of the Section on Groundwater Systems and Settlements, the Project Officer will have to contribute to the development of activities, and provide work of an analytical nature and calling for conceptual comprehension in the framework of the two above-mentioned projects. More specifically, the incumbent of the post will:

- Manage the day-to-day implementation of the groundwater activities under Sub-component 3.2 of IW:LEARN4's work plan in coordination with the partners of the project;
- Provide technical and scientific support for the development of webinars or other online events and coordinate their preparation;
- Assist in identifying the needs of the current IW Project in terms of conjunctive management of surface water and groundwater and prepare a plan for capacity-building on this topic;
- Contribute to the elaboration of a strategy to include partners of current IW Project to the Groundwater Community of Practice (CoP) and extend the CoP to decision-makers and scientists;
- Disseminate and raise awareness on the results of the GEF Groundwater Governance and the Transboundary Water Assessment Programme (TWAP) Projects.
- Contribute to the implementation of the workplan of the "GEMI initiative", including activities related to the implementation and monitoring of SDG indicator 6.5.2 on transboundary cooperation;
- Contribute to the preparation of inputs required by the IAEG-SDGs and UN Statistical Division regarding the status of SDG indicator 6.5.2., including Tier Classification, plans of reporting, disaggregation and involvement of Member States;
- Coordinate the analysis of SDG 6.5.2 data reported by Member States and the preparation of inputs to the UN-Water SDG 6 synthesis report, the specific report dedicated to indicator 6.5.2, and the inputs required by the UN Statistical Division in view of the High-Level Political Forum 2018;
- Contribute to the coordination of the revision of methodologies and the associated reporting template and other documents used for the reporting on SDG 6.5.2, including compilation and critical assessment of reviews provided by experts and Member States;
- Enhance awareness of Member States on the results of the reporting on SDG 6.5.2 in view of the next round of reporting (planned every 3 years).
- Mobilize and engage UNESCO field offices and relevant stakeholders to the extent necessary within the preparation of the above-mentioned activities;
- Coordinate and contribute to other relevant project activities and other project documents related to transboundary groundwater governance and SDG 6 as necessary.



During the assignment period, the Project Officer shall work full-time at UNESCO headquarters in Paris.

## **TRAVELS**

The Project Officer will be required to undertake missions within the context of the support of the activity of the extra budgetary projects, e.g. case study activities, global and regional fora and events, project steering committee meetings.

## **REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS**

### ***EDUCATION***

Advanced university degree (PhD or Master with significant research experience) in science or engineering with a specialization in hydrogeology - or relevant work experience and proven achievements in the field of hydrogeology in case the main degree is specialized in a different field -; preferentially completed with a degree in international relations, information management, communications, economics, development studies or related fields.

### ***WORK EXPERIENCE***

At least two years of experience at national or international level. Previous experience in the UN system is desirable.

### ***SKILLS/COMPETENCIES***

Proven experience on outreach and communication activities related to water sciences and governance;  
Experience with project management in water and/or environment, particularly in transboundary context;  
General capacity to coordinate activities at international/global, regional and local level;  
Proven record of publications, particularly in peer reviewed journals;  
Demonstrated ability to work independently but also, as a member of a diverse team, to work effectively and collaboratively maintaining effective collegial relations in a multi-cultural setting;  
Demonstrable experience of engaging with governmental authorities, NGOs, etc.

### **COMPUTER SKILLS**

Microsoft Office specialist (Excel, Powerpoint, Publisher, Word, Outlook);  
Geographic Information System (GIS);  
Webinars tools.

### **LANGUAGES**

Excellent drafting and spoken skills of English and/or French. Good knowledge of another UN language would be an asset.

## **BENEFITS AND ENTITLEMENTS**

The candidate shall be offered a Service Contract with a net salary of approximately 3,274 Euros per month. The initial contract, which is for 6 months with the possibility of extension, is subject of satisfactory service for a probationary period of 3 months, and contingent on the availability of funding. Other benefits include 2.5 days annual leave per month.

## HOW TO APPLY

Interested candidates should complete the UNESCO's CV <https://en.unesco.org/careers/media/3705> with a covering letter in English explaining their interest in the position and forward it electronically to the following e-mail address: [s.taheri@unesco.org](mailto:s.taheri@unesco.org).

Please indicate the post you are applying for. Incomplete CV will not be processed.

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Interested and suitable candidates should ensure that their application is submitted on or before 23/10/2017 at midnight (Paris time). Due to the large number of applications received, only applicants short-listed for interview will be contacted.

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