

UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME

Intern for UNEP South-South Cooperation

Duration: 3-6 months

Location: Nairobi, Kenya

Agency: United Nations Environment Program (UNEP)

Background:

UNEP is developing the South-South Cooperation (SSC) Exchange Mechanism (“the Mechanism”), which is hosted online, as one of the first web platforms specifically concentrating on SSC in the field of environment and sustainable development. The Mechanism documents a broad range of case studies and success/case stories on SSC primarily focusing on projects or initiatives with SSC components being implemented by UNEP, its partners and/or other recognized organizations (although other prominent SSC case stories with strong environmental linkages are also featured). The Mechanism shares success stories, best practices, lessons learned and promotes events, news and information on SSC. It will generate more public awareness about SSC and provide an interactive platform for blogs, discussions and social networking moderated by UNEP.

To support the Mechanism, UNEP’s Division of Regional Cooperation (DRC) has begun establishing SSC networks with relevant UN agencies and international environmental organizations. These organizations are actively supporting UNEP’s work by offering case studies that feature on the Mechanism. This content will contribute to the overall diversity and relevance of the Mechanism in the different thematic areas of environment and sustainable development.

Currently, colleagues are working on making the Mechanism a “**living**” resource by engaging in the following activities:

- Identifying SSC initiatives, events, success stories, established best practices, and lessons learned for integration into the Mechanism;
- Creating networks with individuals and organizations with relevant SSC information for sourcing materials that feature into the Mechanism;
- Collaborating with internal (within UNEP and UN) and external partners to produce case studies and stories highlighting environmental SSC initiatives; and
- Assisting with the preparation of video/print materials and event (Global South-South Development Expo) logistics for promoting the Mechanism.

■ Fluency in English is mandatory; knowledge of any other UN language (French or Spanish) is an advantage.

■ Applicants must be computer literate and have a demonstrated ability in using standard Microsoft applications.

Applicants should have a demonstrated interest in the work of the United Nations and a personal commitment to the ideals of the United Nations Charter.

Applicants should have a demonstrated ability to interact with individuals of different cultural and ethnic backgrounds and beliefs, including a willingness to be tolerant to differing opinions and views

Key Competencies for this Internship

Applicants must have a demonstrated competence in the following areas:

- a) Strong research, analysis and writing skills;
- b) Self-motivation and initiative;
- c) Strong inter-personal communication skills.
- d) Strong ability to work as a team

Application Requirements

■ Eligible applicants must apply online at the internship section of the UNON website: <http://www.unon.org/>

■ Eligible applicants must also submit a **ONE PAGE** cover letter in **PDF format**, specifying the following:

- period of availability for this internship, including the proposed commencement date;
- how the applicant’s studies and experience match the key competencies and terms of reference for this internship.

■ Cover letters should be submitted separately by email to **southsouth.cooperation@unep.org** titled **“South-South Cooperation Internship.”**

The deadline for submission of applications is November 28, 2012 at 5:00 pm (Nairobi time).

Please note that due to the volume of applications received, only shortlisted candidates will be notified.