

Biodiversity Planning Consultant at United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

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Job Description

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The United Nations Environment Programme (UN Environment) is the leading global environmental authority that sets the world's environmental agenda, promotes the coherent implementation of the environmental dimension of sustainable development within the United Nations system and serves as an authoritative advocate for the environment.

Responsibilities:

Specific tasks and responsibilities include:

Prepare a checklist of key elements, thematic and cross-cutting issues that should be a part of the updated NBSAPs.

Draft a guide on undertaking rapid assessments of existing National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) with a view to identify gaps and prepare for updating the NBSAPs in line with priorities and targets under the Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF).

Draft Guidance document on how to ensure whole of society approach in implementing the new NBSAPs and GBF

Prepare a checklist of key policies related to elements of GBF, also focusing on new elements of the GBF, to help countries prepare for policy coherence related actions in the new NBSAPs.

Prepare briefs on UN agencies contributions to GBF, in consultation with relevant agencies

and the Environment Management Group (EMG).

Lead the organization of one training or webinar on each on the following issues: Undertaking rapid assessments of NBSAP needs in light of GBF; Operationalizing the whole of society approach and whole of government approaches in NBSAP development and implementation; understanding new elements of the GBF and related targets (such as consumption, trade and the related); strengthening role of youth and Indigenous People and Local Communities in NBSAP revision and implementation.

Liaise with UNEP divisions, MEAs Collaboration Unit, UNDP, Secretariat to Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and other partners in drafting the finalizing the documents and activities listed above.

Prepare a final report combining actions and deliverables and lessons learnt during the period of consultancy.

Provide substantial inputs to develop communication material related to the actions above.

Prepare presentations, briefs and related outreach material in support of the above activities.

Requirements

Qualifications/special skills

Advanced university degree (Master's degree or equivalent) in environmental sciences, social sciences or environmental law or related field is required.

A first-level university degree in combination with two additional years qualifying experience may be accepted in lieu of the advanced university degree.

A minimum of five years of progressively responsible experience in supporting CBD implementation is required.

Experience in supporting development and implementation of national action plans on environment and biodiversity management is required.

Familiarity of CBD and its mandates, national action plans/implementation plans preparation/review/implementation will be needed knowledge/skill for this assignment.

Languages

Fluency in written, oral skills in English is required. Additional language proficiency will be an added asset.

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