UNITED NATIONS SUPPORT OFFICE IN SOMALIA (UNSOS)

UNITED NATIONS CORE VALUES: INTEGRITY, PROFESSIONALISM, RESPECT FOR DIVERSITY

THIS POSITION IS SUBJECT TO LOCAL RECRUITMENT AND DOES NOT HAVE INTERNATIONAL BENEFITS

FEMALE CANDIDATES ARE PARTICULARLY ENCOURAGED TO APPLY

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DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS : 22 JUNE 2022
DATE OF ISSUANCE : 23 MAY 2022
FUNCTIONAL TITLE : ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS OFFICER
LEVEL : NO-C
SECTION/ UNIT : ENVIRONMENT UNIT/ODMS
LOCATION : MOGADISHU, SOMALIA
DURATION OF CONTRACT : ONE (1) YEAR FIXED TERM APPOINTMENT
VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER : UNSOS/ENV/017/2022/SM

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The United Nations Secretariat is committed to achieving 50/50 gender balance in its staff. Female candidates are strongly encouraged to apply for this position.

Special Notice:
Appointment against this position is on a local basis. Extension of appointment will be subject to budgetary approval. A staff member subject to local recruitment shall not be eligible for the allowances or benefits exclusively applicable to international recruitment. The candidate is responsible for any travel expenses incurred in order to take-up the appointment. All applicants are strongly encouraged to apply on-line as soon as possible after the job opening has been posted and well before the deadline stated in the job opening.

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• Produce the missions Environmental Baseline Study (EBS), if no such study has been done, or update existing EBS as necessary.
• Maintain a record of environmental issues and actions thereon at the mission, including, for example, a list of potentially hazardous installations within the mission (e.g., petrol station, warehouse storing flammables) in cooperation with fire marshals or other staff at the mission designated to deal with emergencies.
• Liaise with relevant sections and Military and Police Environmental Focal points to get a regular update on inventory of hazardous substances.
• Investigate complaints or reports of pollutions, contamination, and other environment-related incidents.
• Report and recommend to the Director of Mission Support to undertake such measures as may be required to prevent or mitigate environmental problems.
• Advise relevant officers or offices on environmental issues arising from the assessments, studies, and plans, including environmental information relevant to the operations of the mission.

Policy and Guidance
• Support the Director of Mission Support in implementing the DPKO/DFS environmental policy and in identifying needs for drafting new or modifying relevant specific guidance for the mission (including directives, Annual Mission Environmental Statement, Standard Operating Procedures, etc.)
• Coordinate the annual development of mission’s Environmental Action Plan (MEAP) with relevant sections and liaise with data owners to ensure that the mission’s Environmental Performance and Risk Management System is completed and submitted.
• Produce the Environmental Emergency Preparedness Plan with relevant offices.

Management of Environmental Team and related activities
• Manage the environmental activities and coordinates team towards the achievement of objectives.
• Oversee the administration and recruitment of personnel.

Awareness and Training/Mainstreaming
• Promote awareness on environmental issues.
• Provide an environmental briefing to all mission personnel including police and military contingents during their induction training.
• Mainstream environment into mission-level SOPs, and other relevant guidance and processes.
• Engage with contractors, in close coordination with contract management colleagues, on responsibilities when relevant.

Coordination and Partner Relations
• Liaise on environmental issues with local authorities and the office of the United Nations Resident Coordinator and relevant United Nations bodies and agencies present in the country or region hosting the mission, as well as regional organizations and diplomatic community when relevant using knowledge of own country environment and culture.
• Carry out any other tasks required to support the DPKO/DFS Environmental Policy for UN Field Missions and the environmental objectives of the mission as directed by the Chief of Mission Support.

Competencies
Professionalism: Shows pride in work and in achievements; demonstrates professional competence and mastery of subject matter; is conscientious and efficient in meeting commitments, observing deadlines, and achieving results; show persistence when faced with difficult problems or challenges. Remains calm in stressful situations;
Takes responsibility for incorporating gender perspectives and ensuring the equal participation of women and men in all areas of work.

Planning and organizing: Develop clear goals that are consistent with the agreed strategies; identifies priority activities and assignments; adjusts priorities as required, allocates appropriate amount of time and resources for completing work and foresees risks and allows for contingencies when planning, monitors and adjusts plans and actions as necessary and use time efficiently

Creativity: Actively seeks to improve programmes or services; offers new and different options to solve problems or meet client needs; promotes and persuades others to consider new ideas; takes calculated risks on new and unusual ideas that is thinks "outside the box", takes an interest in new ideas and new ways of doing things and is not bound by current thinking or traditional approaches.

Qualifications:

Education: Advanced university degree (Master’s degree or equivalent) in environmental management, environmental science, environmental engineering, environmental law, or related area. A first-level degree in combination with two additional years of qualifying experience may be accepted in lieu of the advance university degree.

Experience: At least three (03) years of responsible experience in the environmental management field with a national government/ administration, a large firm or international organization is required. Experience in evaluation and oversight of environmental compliance is required. Experience in project planning is desirable.

Language: English and French are the working languages of the United Nations Secretariat. For the position advertised, fluency in English and Somali (both oral and written) is required.

Assessment Method: Evaluation of qualified candidates may include an assessment exercise which may be followed by competency-based interview.

How to Apply: Qualified candidates may submit their applications including their United Nations Personal History Profile (PHP) to the address mentioned below quoting vacancy announcement number and functional title on the subject line on or before the deadline. The PHP is on the https://unsos.unmissions.org/jobs.

Applications submitted after the deadline 22 June 2022 will not be accepted.

Curriculum Vitae (CVs) will not be accepted. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

Email: recruitment-unsos@un.org

Kindly attach a copy of relevant academic documents, Passport and or National Identification Card. These are required as part of your application for consideration of eligibility.

The United Nations shall place no restrictions on the eligibility of men and women to participate in any capacity and under conditions of equality in its principal and subsidiary organs.

THE UNITED NATIONS DOES NOT CHARGE A FEE AT ANY STAGE OF THE RECRUITMENT PROCESS (APPLICATION, INTERVIEW MEETING, PROCESSING, OR TRAINING).