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INTERNATIONAL RECRUITMENT - BONN, GERMANY

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

**Vice-Rector in Europe/Director
UNU Institute for Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS)
(D-2)**

Organizational Unit : United Nations University - Institute for Environmental and Human Security (UNU-EHS)

Reference Number : 2009/UNU/ViE/VRiE-DIR/19

Applications to : UNU-Vice Rector in Europe/Director UNU-EHS Search Committee

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All applications/nominations will be acknowledged.

Closing Date : 15 November 2009

United Nations University Objectives:

The United Nations University (UNU) is an international community of scholars, engaged in research, postgraduate training and dissemination of knowledge in furthering the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations. The mission of the UNU is to contribute, through research and capacity building, to efforts to resolve the pressing global problems that are the concern of the United Nations and its Member States.

About UNU-EHS:

The principle objective of UNU-EHS is to undertake research, advanced training and dissemination of knowledge on the impact on human vulnerability of natural disasters influenced or caused by global environmental changes and human activities. The aim is to build policy-relevant knowledge about the consequences of societal and cultural vulnerability to natural disasters and on ways to reduce this vulnerability, both in developed and developing countries. The research and postgraduate education activities of UNU-EHS will be carried out by staff researchers and visiting scholars and through networks of cooperating institutions and scholars. For detailed information on UNU-EHS and its programmes, please visit www.ehs.unu.edu.

Responsibilities:

Under the authority and supervision of the Rector, the Vice-Rector in Europe/Director of UNU-EHS in Bonn will:

- Assist the Rector in his role of chief academic and administrative officer of the UNU and will be a fully integrated member of the management team of the University.
- Work in close cooperation with the Rector and as assigned, will initiate, stimulate and coordinate new and existing activities of the UNU, including institutes, networks, associated institutions, programmes and projects.
- Assist the Rector in ensuring the overall integration and coherence of UNU academic activities.

- Serve as Director of the UNU-EHS where UNU-EHS assesses the vulnerability and coping capacity of societies facing natural and human-induced hazards in a changing environment. The Institute spearheads research, capacity development and policy-relevant advisory activities relating to the broad interdisciplinary field of 'risk and vulnerability'.

Required qualifications and experience:

- Candidates for the Vice-Rectorship/Directorship should have a Ph.D. in an academic field relevant to environmental issues in particular climate change and hazard risk and vulnerability.
- Possess a well-established, internationally recognized academic profile with at least 15 years of proven management experience at a senior level in an academic or research institution.
- Strong background of research and publications in areas related to UNU-EHS' interests.
- A successful track record of fund-raising and donor relations would be a distinct advantage. He/she should be able to exercise academic leadership within the multicultural setting of an international organization.
- Fluency in English is required; a working knowledge of German and one or more official languages of the United Nations would be desirable.

Remuneration:

Competitive net salary (tax-exempted) and allowances at a senior level (D-2) within the United Nations system. Approximate net salary of US\$159,014 (single status) to US\$173,089 p.a. (with dependants) including post adjustment. Post adjustment is subject to change. The post carries the standard set of United Nations entitlements/benefits, including participation in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, the possibility of participation in a health insurance programme, education grant for eligible children, removal expenses and home leave. For more information please visit: http://sas.undp.org/portal/alias_SAS/lang_en-GB/tabID_3379/DesktopDefault.aspx.

Duration of contract:

This is a fixed-term appointment. The period of initial contract would be for a four-year term with the possibility of renewal for a further four years on the basis of excellent performance. The mandatory retirement age for new UN staff is 62 years.

This is an internationally recruited post. Staff members of the United Nations University are international civil servants subject to the authority of the Rector and may be assigned to any of the activities or offices of the United Nations University. Applications from suitably qualified women candidates are particularly encouraged. The Rector reserves the right to appoint a candidate to a level below that advertised.

Starting date:

It is expected that the appointee will take up by early year 2010.

Application Procedure:

Interested applicants are encouraged to submit their application preferably by email to viedehsapp@unu.edu, submitting a United Nations University Personal History Form (P.11) accessible on the United Nations University website (http://unu.edu/employment/files/UNU_PersonalHistoryForm_02.doc) with a letter of application, including full curriculum vitae (with publications lists) and names, addresses and fax numbers of three referees and should clearly indicate the above reference number. A covering letter setting out how qualifications and experience match the requirements of the position must also accompany the nomination/application.