UN VOLUNTEER DESCRIPTION OF ASSIGNMENT

PANR000191--Climate Change Specialist

The United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme is the UN organization that promotes volunteerism to support peace and development worldwide. Volunteerism can transform the pace and nature of development and it benefits both society at large and the individual volunteer. UNV contributes to peace and development by advocating for volunteerism globally, encouraging partners to integrate volunteerism into development programming, and mobilizing volunteers. In most cultures, volunteerism is deeply embedded in long-established, ancient traditions of sharing and support within the communities. In this context, UN Volunteers take part in various forms of volunteerism and play a role in development and peace together with co-workers, host agencies and local communities. In all assignments, UN Volunteers promote volunteerism through their action and conduct. Engaging in volunteer activity can effectively and positively enrich their understanding of local and social realities, as well as create a bridge between themselves and the people in their host community. This will make the time they spend as UN Volunteers even more rewarding and productive.

General Information

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<td>Host Institute</td>
<td>United Nations Framework - Convention on Climate Change</td>
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<td>Volunteer Category</td>
<td>International Specialist</td>
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<td>Number of Volunteer</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>Duration</td>
<td>12 months</td>
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<td>Expected Starting Date</td>
<td>01-06-2020</td>
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<td>Duty Station</td>
<td>Panama City [PAN]</td>
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Living Conditions

The living conditions in Panama are good. There is no risk of immediate violence and the country is peaceful. Sometimes they are demonstrations in relation to labour issues or other local issues, typically non-violent. Neither violence for political reasons nor domestic terrorist organizations are a problem in Panama.

Crime: Panama is relatively safe compared to other countries in North- and Central America. Areas of crime are concentrated/limited to specific places.

Traffic safety and road conditions: Road, traffic and transportation systems are relatively safe in Panama City. Bus, Metro and Uber are common public transportation options.
Weather: Panama has a tropical climate. Temperatures and humidity are uniformly high and there is little seasonal variation. The daytime variation is limited; On a typical day of the dry season in the capital, the minimum at dawn could be around 24 °C and the maximum in the afternoon 34 °C. The temperature rarely exceeds 35 °C. Temperatures on the Pacific side are lower than on the Caribbean and there is a breeze at night. Almost all the rain falls in the rainy season between April and December. Although there are storms at the time rainy, the country is outside the hurricane zone.

Economy: In recent years, the Panamanian economy has belonged to the highest growth and best management in America Latin. However, like most countries in the region, Panama is affected by the global financial crisis that threatens the Social advances of recent years.

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<td>The UNFCCC secretariat (UN Climate Change) was established in 1992 when countries adopted the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). With the subsequent adoption of the Kyoto Protocol in 1997 and the Paris Agreement in 2015, Parties to these three agreements have progressively reaffirmed the secretariat’s role as the United Nations entity tasked with supporting the global response to the threat of climate change. Focussing in its early years largely on facilitating the intergovernmental climate change negotiations, the secretariat today supports a complex architecture of bodies that serve to advance the implementation of the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement.</td>
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<td><strong>RCC Panama:</strong></td>
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<td>The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) secretariat has signed a partnership agreement with CAF Development Bank of Latin America and the Government of Panama to establish a regional collaboration centre in Panama City in an effort to catalyse the regional efforts towards implementation of Kyoto Mechanisms and Paris Agreement.</td>
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<td>The UNFCCC’s Regional Collaboration Centres (RCCs) support national climate action through capacity-building, technical assistance and strategic networking – sourcing know how and resources to drive sustainable development. RCCs were initially established in year 2012 to spread the benefits of the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM). Leading to the adoption of the Paris Climate Change Agreement and...</td>
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after, the RCCs have broadened their scope of work by supporting activities related to the implementation of the Paris Agreement. RCC PANAMA is one of the six such Regional Centres that is responsible for supporting Latin American Countries.

This UNV assignment is aligned with the focus area “Community resilience environment & disaster reduction”.

**Sustainable Development Goals 13. Climate Action**

**Task description**

Under the direct supervision of the UNFCCC RCC Panama Team lead, the UN Volunteer will undertake the following tasks:

**Support work of UNFCCC, Need Based Climate - Finance (NBF) Initiative for Latin America Region**

The NBF Project has been proposed by the secretariat in response to the mandate it received from the COP in decision 6/CP.23, paragraph 10, which requested the secretariat, in collaboration with the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, United Nations agencies and bilateral, regional and other multinational channels, to explore ways and means to assist developing country Parties in assessing their needs and priorities, in a country-driven manner, including technological and capacity-building needs, and in translating their climate finance needs into action.

1. Supporting the identification of relevant stakeholders, such as the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, United Nations agencies, and bilateral, regional and other multilateral channels, and facilitating their engagement in the NBF Project to foster synergies, create opportunities for collaboration and establish partnerships between the NBF project identified countries and these stakeholders;
2. Promoting linkages with relevant processes under the UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement, including, for example, linkages with the Paris Committee on Capacity-building and the NDC Partnership;
3. Supporting the NBF project member countries in organizing, synthesizing and analyzing the information needed in the development of a national climate finance strategy (this include conducting a climate finance needs assessment, including an institutional and governance assessment)
4. Providing substantive support to the organization of the technical workshop of the projects, including support in developing the workshop agenda and in identifying the resource persons;
5. Providing substantive support to the organization of in-person and/or virtual meetings with respect to the NBF Project;
6. Assisting the NBF project identified countries in reaching out to key public and private financing institutions, both domestic and international, to mobilize financing for the priority mitigation and adaptation projects and programmes identified by those countries and
7. Facilitating the exchange of experiences and lessons learned between countries participating in the NBF Project, and the dissemination of the results of the NBF Project. This include both publications/use of social media and organizing events/workshops.
Furthermore, UN Volunteers are required to:- Strengthen their knowledge and understanding of the concept of volunteerism by reading relevant UNV and external publications and take active part in UNV activities (for instance in events that mark International Volunteer Day)- Be acquainted with and build on traditional and/or local forms of volunteerism in the host country- Provide annual and end of assignment reports on UN Volunteer actions, results and opportunities using UNV’s Volunteer Reporting Application- Contribute articles/write-ups on field experiences and submit them for UNV publications/websites, newsletters, press releases, etc.- Assist with the UNV Buddy Programme for newly-arrived UN Volunteers- Promote or advise local groups in the use of online volunteering, or encourage relevant local individuals and organizations to use the UNV Online Volunteering service whenever technically possible.

Results/Expected Outputs

• Development of national climate finance strategy or approach for NBF project on selected countries;
• The development of a climate finance stakeholder database and a strategy for stakeholder engagement to foster synergies, create collaboration opportunities and establish partnerships;
• The development of business models and financial structures for prioritized investment opportunities that meet the needs of selected countries and have high transformative impact;
• Resource mobilisation to support implementation of climate finance strategies identified through series of bilateral meetings and outreach activities;
• Development of project reports for each country supported under the NBF project;
• Organisation and delivery of at least 2 regional workshops on relevant topics to develop capacity and share experience from NBF efforts.

• The development of capacity through coaching, mentoring and formal on-the-job training, when working with (including supervising) national staff or (non-) governmental counter-parts, including Implementing Partners (IPs); • Age, Gender and Diversity (AGD) perspective is systematically applied, integrated and documented in all activities throughout the assignment • A final statement of achievements towards volunteerism for peace and development during the assignment, such as reporting on the number of volunteers mobilized, activities participated in and capacities developed

Qualifications/Requirements

Required Degree Level

Master degree or equivalent

Education - Additional Comments

Master’s degree or equivalent Advanced Degree in environmental science or climate change, development finance, economics, international development, or another related discipline

• Understanding of international climate regime as well as main climate change dynamics and their potential impact and implications for developing country Parties;
• Expertise on climate change policies, frameworks, finance, and technologies;
- Expertise on domestic and international development finance;
- Expertise on financial instruments and modalities and their use in the context of climate change/green investments;
- Relevant communications experience, preferably related to the development and implementation of communications and advocacy strategies in a development context
- Ability to work efficiently and responsively within a multicultural team, while demonstrating strong initiative and high degree of personal motivation needed to carry out tasks independently
- Initiative, sound judgement, good coordination, communication and analytical skills as well as professionalism and maturity
- Strong planning and organizing skills with ability to identify priority activities and assignments and to use time efficiently
- Ability to take decisions and manage political/cultural sensitivity

**Required experience**

24 months

**Experience Remark**

- A minimum of 2 years of relevant work or research experience in the area of climate change, developmental finance related field preferably at the international level.
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**Language**

- English (Mandatory) , Level - Fluent
- AND - Spanish (Optional) , Level - Working Knowledge

**Area of Expertise**

- Other development programme/project experience Mandatory

**Competencies & Values**

**Need Driving Licence**

No
Conditions of Service and other information

Condition of Service

Conditions of Service for International Specialist:

The contract lasts for the period indicated above with possibility of extensions subject to availability of funding, operational necessity and satisfactory performance. However, there is no expectation of renewal of the assignment.

A UN Volunteer receives a Volunteer Living Allowance (VLA) which is composed of the Monthly Living Allowance (MLA) and a Family Allowance (FA) for those with dependents (maximum three).

The Volunteer Living Allowance (VLA) is paid at the end of each month to cover housing, utilities, transportation, communications and other basic needs. The VLA can be computed by applying the Post-Adjustment Multiplier (PAM) to the VLA base rate of US$ 1,631. The VLA base rate is a global rate across the world, while the PAM is duty station/country-specific and fluctuates on a monthly basis according to the cost of living. This method ensures that international UN Volunteers have comparable purchasing power at all duty stations irrespective of varying costs of living. The PAM is established by the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) and is published at the beginning of every month on the ICSC website http://icsc.un.org.

For UN Volunteer entitlements, kindly refer to the link https://vmam.unv.org/calculator/entitlements

In non-family duty stations that belong to hardship categories D or E, as classified by the ICSC, international UN Volunteers receive a Well-Being Differential (WBD) on a monthly basis.
Furthermore, UN Volunteers are provided a settling-in-grant (SIG) at the start of the assignment (if the volunteer did not reside in the duty station for at least 6 months prior to taking up the assignment) and in the event of a permanent reassignment to another duty station.

UNV provides life, health, permanent disability insurances as well as assignment travel, annual leave, full integration in the UN security framework (including residential security reimbursements).

UN Volunteers are paid Daily Subsistence Allowance at the UN rate for official travels, flight tickets for periodic home visit and for the final repatriation travel (if applicable). Resettlement allowance is paid for satisfactory service at the end of the assignment.

UNV will provide, together with the offer of assignment, a copy of the Conditions of Service, including Code of conduct, to the successful candidate.

Supervision, induction and duty of care of UN Volunteers

UN Volunteers should be provided equal duty of care as extended to all host entity personnel. Host entity support to the UN Volunteer includes, but is not limited to:

- Introductory briefings about the organisation and office-related context including security, emergency procedures, good cultural practice and orientation to the local environment;

- Support with arrival administration including setting-up of bank accounts, residence permit applications and completion of other official processes as required by the host government or host entity;

- Structured guidance, mentoring and coaching by a supervisor including a clear workplan and performance appraisal;

- Access to office space, equipment, IT support and any other systems and tools required to complete the objectives of the assignment including a host entity email address;

- Access to shared host entity corporate knowledge, training and learning;

- Inclusion of the volunteer in emergency procedures such as evacuations;

- Leave management;

- DSA for official travel, when applicable;
- All changes in the Description of Assignment occurring between recruitment and arrival or during the assignment need to be formalized with the United Nations Volunteer Programme.

Application Code

PANR000191-6471

Application procedure

Prerequisites

This assignment is funded by the Government of Korea, only Korean nationals who have not yet served as a UN Volunteer specialist funded by Korea are eligible to apply. Former UN Youth Volunteers and UN University Volunteers are eligible to apply.

Selection process

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. The selection will be done by the UN Host Entity at the level of the country of assignment. Interviews are scheduled to be conducted by the UN Host Entity between 14 April and 8 May. Usually these interviews are competency-based.

How to apply

Please apply via the link below. You can then either log in if you already have an account or register via ‘Candidate Signup’.

You may apply to a maximum of three assignments per advertisement and indicate your order of preference in the ‘Additional Remarks’ section of your profile.

Application deadline: 22 March 2020

doa.apply_url

https://vmam.unv.org//candidate/show-doa/UEFOUjAwMDE5MQ==

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