



INTERNSHIP

Data Scientist

Duration of assignment: Three to six months

Background

Desertification, along with climate change and the loss of biodiversity were identified as the greatest challenges to sustainable development during the 1992 Rio Earth Summit. Established in 1994, the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) is the sole legally binding international agreement linking environment and development to sustainable land management. The Convention seeks to support countries to address Desertification, Land Degradation, and Drought (DLDD).

At the UNCCD COP13, countries agreed (decision 7/COP.13) on a new global roadmap to address land degradation. The new UNCCD 2018-2030 Strategic Framework includes a set of 5 Strategic Objectives (SO) adopted to guide the actions of all UNCCD stakeholders and partners in the period 2018–2030. The Strategic Objective 5 (SO5), in particular, aims at mobilizing substantial and additional financial and non-financial resources to support the implementation of the Convention by building effective partnerships at global and national level.

As the operational arm of the Convention, the Global Mechanism supports countries in translating the Convention into action. We are mandated to assist countries in the mobilization of resources. We aim to be small but agile team catalyzing solutions that are relevant to country Parties and that deliver transformative and tangible benefits to their people and landscapes

Duties and Responsibilities

As part of the Global Mechanism's efforts to assist Parties in the mobilization of resources, Decision 13/COP.15 requests the Global Mechanism to develop a methodology and conduct a needs assessment to determine the financial requirements for the implementation of the Convention, building on national reporting, voluntary targeting-setting exercise and other relevant processes.

Under the general supervision of the assigned Programme Officer, the incumbent will contribute to the preparation of the following duties in the context of the needs assessment:

- Support the review, acquisition, and processing of land-related databases, including socioeconomic indicators.
- Support activities related to the analysis of spatial data on land and socioeconomic indicators using GIS.
- Support data visualization activities.
- Perform other duties as determined by the supervising officer that relate to the internship.

Competencies

Communication: Speaks and writes clearly and effectively; listens to others; asks questions to clarify issues; and exhibits interest in having two-way communication; tailors language, tone, style and format to match the audience; demonstrates openness in sharing information and keeping people informed.

Teamwork: Works collaboratively with colleagues to achieve organizational goals; solicits input by genuinely valuing others' ideas and expertise; is willing to learn from others; supports and acts in accordance with final group decision.



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 an interest in new ideas and new ways of doing things

Expected Qualifications/Skills

To qualify for an internship with the United Nations Internship Programme, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Be enrolled in, or have completed, a graduate school programme (second university degree or equivalent, or higher); or,
- Be enrolled in, or have completed, the final academic year of a first university degree programme (minimum bachelor's level or equivalent);
- have graduated with a university degree and, must commence the internship within a one-year period of graduation;
- research skills: ability to perform effective and efficient internet searches, and desk research;
- writing skills: ability to draft and edit content for publication in the language he/she shall be working in, i.e. English., French or Spanish;
- planning and organizing: ability to work in an organized and structured way;
- computer literate, with sound knowledge of and ability to use Microsoft Office Suite;
- Experience with Geographic Information System (GIS) is an asset.

Language requirements

For this internship, excellent oral and written ability is required in English language.

Work Experience

Applicants are not required to have professional work experience to be accepted for this internship.

Duration

In the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, applicants may be requested to undertake the internship remotely in view of constraints regarding visa issuance, international travel and access to UNCCD premises. Applicants must be willing and prepared to undertake the internship remotely for a part or the entirety of the internship.

The internship is full time, i.e. 5 days a week, 8 hours per day, for a minimum period of 3 and maximum of 6 months, **within the period September 2023 to February 2023**. The exact period will be determined based on the availability of the intern and the needs of the Unit.

Submission of application

Internship application forms can be found at: <https://www.unccd.int/about-us/secretariat/vacancies/apply-unccd-internship>

Your completed application form including ALL of the documents listed below are required and should be submitted by e-mail to staffing@unccd.int, specifying in the subject line: **GM Data Analyst internship**.

*****The deadline for applications is 14 September 2023*****



Only applications submitted by the deadline and meeting the requirements will be considered. No telephone calls will be returned. Please address your application as indicated below and please do not address or copy your application to an individual at the Secretariat.

*******Incomplete applications will not be considered*******

Applicants must attach ALL of the following documents to each application:

1. UNCCD internship application form; acceptance and undertaking (conditions and annex form-available on the above link);
2. cover letter stating the reasons for applying.
3. Proof of enrolment from current University (if not graduated) or copy of degree certificate (if you have already graduated);
4. a scanned copy of the applicant's valid medical insurance or a signed statement confirming intent to obtain medical insurance while in Germany.

Your Cover Letter must include:

- ✓ your availability (dates) for the internship;
- ✓ your Degree Programme (what are you currently studying or have recently graduated from?);
- ✓ your graduation date (when will you graduate or when did you graduate from the programme?);
- ✓ explain why you are a good candidate for this internship;
- ✓ explain your interest in the UNCCD.

Potential candidates will be contacted by hiring manager directly for further consideration. Due to a high volume of applications received, ONLY successful candidates will be contacted.

Special Notice

Internship with UNCCD is unpaid. Interns are not financially remunerated by the UNCCD. Costs and arrangements for travel, visas, accommodation and living expenses are the responsibility of the intern or his/her sponsoring institution.

Applicants who are children or siblings of a staff member shall not be eligible to apply for an internship at the UNCCD. Applicants who are otherwise related to a staff member may be engaged as interns, provided that they are neither assigned to the same work unit as such staff member nor placed under the direct or indirect supervision of such staff member. For purposes of this instruction, "child" means: (a) the child of a staff member; (b) the child of the spouse of a staff member (stepchild); or (c) the son- or daughter-in-law of a staff member. "Sibling" includes a half-sibling or step sibling.