



INTERNSHIP

G20 Global Initiative

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). (www.unccd.int)

The G20 (or Group of Twenty) is the annual international forum for the governments from 19 industrialized countries and the European Union (EU). Collectively, the G20 economies account for around 90 percent of the gross world product (GWP), 75 percent of world trade, two-thirds of the world population, and approximately half of the world's land area. In 2020, Saudi Arabia held the rotating Presidency of the G20. The G20 Leaders' Declaration, issued on Sunday, 22 November 2020, launched a "**Global Initiative on Reducing Land Degradation and Enhancing Conservation of Terrestrial Habitats**". Building on existing initiatives and on a voluntary basis, the G20 countries share the ambition to achieve a 50 percent reduction in the amount of degraded land by 2040.

The Global Initiative (GI) with oversight from UNCCD, will focus on capacity building, engaging the private sector and civil society and showcasing success. The Director, under the oversight of the Executive Secretary of the UNCCD, manages the Initiative Coordination Office (ICO).

The G20 Global Initiative is seeking one intern, either for remote working or working in Bonn, to support Project Management activities of the G20 Global Land Initiative.

Duties and Responsibilities

Under the direct supervision of the Associate Programme Management Officer of the initiative, the intern will assist in the performance of the following duties:

- **Partnership Agreements:** The intern will support the Associate Programme Management Officer in developing partnership agreements with organizations and stakeholders. The tasks will include identifying potential partners, drafting partnership agreements, performing due diligence reviews and liaising with partners to ensure compliance with the agreement.
- **Hackathon organization:** conduct market research on a selected hackathon theme. Assist in evaluating datasets, coordinating with hackathon organizers for seamless execution of the



competition. Assist in preparing a communication strategy to promote the hackathon and highlight the significance of land restoration.

- **Research:** The intern will conduct research on topics related to the G20 Global Land Initiative. This will include reviewing academic literature, analyzing data, and preparing reports.
- **Events:** The intern will assist in the organization of events related to the G20 Global Land Initiative. This will include identifying suitable venues, liaising with vendors, drafting event agendas, and preparing event materials. The intern will also support the Programme Management Officer during events to ensure smooth execution.
- **Admin, travel and:** The intern will assist in administrative tasks as required. Additionally, organizing travel arrangements, including preparing travel itineraries, preparation of visa letters or any other task needed.
- **Human resources:** intern will assist with the preparation of terms of reference, recruitment of consultants and other management of consultancies i.e. keeping tracking sheets up to date.
- **Work with the rest of the Team** in the design, development and implementation of awareness-raising 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 the final academic year of a first university degree (science, engineering, forestry, agriculture, international relations or related topics) 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.
- Familiarity with coding and algorithmic problem-solving.
- **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



Language requirements

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

Work Experience

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

Duration

The in-person 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 01 October 2023 to December 2023**. The exact period will be determined based on the availability of the intern and the needs of the division.

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: **G20 Global Initiative internship**

*****The deadline for applications is 04th 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;

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.