



ANNOUNCEMENT OF VACANCIES FOR:

- **ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ANALYST**

Organizational Unit: Institute for Natural Resources in Africa (UNU-INRA)

Applications to: The Finance and Administrative Officer, UNU-INRA, Private Mail Bag, Kotoka International Airport, Accra, Ghana. Fax: 233 (0)21 500792 or e-mail to bturkson@hotmail.com; Only short-listed candidates will be notified.

Closing Date: 31 January 2009

United Nations University's Objectives:

The United Nations University (UNU) is an international community of scholars engaged in research, postgraduate training and dissemination of knowledge in furtherance of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, its member states and peoples. It serves as a think-tank for the United Nations System, contributes capacity building particularly in developing countries and serves as a platform for new and creative ideas.

UNU-INRA Objectives:

The United Nations University Institute for Natural Resources in Africa (UNU-INRA) is one of thirteen Research and Training Centres and Programmes (RTC/Ps) established by UNU worldwide. The mission of UNU-INRA is to strengthen the capacity of Africa's universities and research institutions to conduct research and produce well-trained, well-equipped and motivated individuals, capable of developing, adapting and disseminating technologies that advance food security and promote conservation and efficient use of the continent's natural resources for sustainable development.

1. ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ANALYST

Reference Number: 2008/UNU/INRA/PSA/03

Responsibilities:

Under the supervision of the Director of UNU-INRA, the Environmental Policy Analyst will:

- Conduct studies and analyze a wide range of environmental policy issues to help UNU-INRA to achieve its goals and objectives;
- Conduct field or desk research, create awareness, train national collaborators, and provide guidelines for effective implementation of global environmental legal

frameworks and treaties, with a view to ensuring sustainable management of natural resources, biodiversity conservation and maintenance of environmental quality.

- Research, develop and recommend policies, procedures and guidelines with a view to translating the objectives of international environmental conventions to various sub-regional levels in Africa, as well as national/governmental level organizations; and develop and produce strategic, economic and regulatory advice on environmental policy to industry, regulators, governments and sub-regional bodies in Africa.
- Prepare research and training proposals for funding; plan, organize and participate in national and sub-regional conferences/meetings/workshops, prepare policy briefs on UNU-INRA research and training activities for dissemination to policy-makers.
- Perform any other policy-related duties as may be required by the Director of UNU-INRA.

Requirements:

- A Masters or PhD degree in Natural Resource or Environmental Economics, International Environmental Law, Environmental Science or Policy Analysis or a related discipline;
- At least five years of relevant work experience in policy analysis related to natural resource management and conservation, preferably in an international environment;
- Knowledge of the principles, theories and tools for the analysis of legal and policy issues related to natural resources management, biodiversity conservation and environmental protection;
- Good writing, presentation and communication skills; and demonstrated experience in organising training workshops, conferences, and fundraising activities, as well as forging partnerships with international agencies, national institutions and NGOs; and
- Good working knowledge of English is essential; knowledge of French would be an advantage.

Remuneration: Salary under a UNU Personnel Services Agreement (PSA) will be at US\$ 36,000 p.a.

Duration of contract: Initial contract period of one year, and further appointment of two years upon satisfactory work performance and subject to requirements.

Staff members of the United Nations University-Institute for Natural Resources in Africa are international civil servants subject to the authority of the Rector of United Nations University and may be assigned to any of the activities or offices of the United Nations University. Applications from suitably qualified women are particularly encouraged.

Starting date: March 2009

Interested candidates are encouraged to apply online and submit a United Nations University Personal History Form (P11) accessible on the UNU website (www.unu.edu/employment) with a covering letter explaining why they believe they are qualified for this position and what contribution they can bring to the United Nations University Institute for Natural Resources in Africa.