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### **Special Notice**

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### **Org .Setting And Reporting**

Created in December 1999, the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction and Secretariat of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR) is the designated focal point in the United Nations system for the coordination of disaster reduction and to ensure synergies among the disaster reduction activities of the United Nations and regional organizations and activities in socio-economic and humanitarian fields. Led by the United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction, UNISDR has around 100 staff located in its HQ in Geneva, Switzerland, and 5 regional offices and other field presences. Specifically, UNISDR coordinates international efforts in disaster risk reduction and guides, monitors and reports on the progress of the implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action; campaigns to create global awareness of disaster risk reduction benefits and empower people to reduce their vulnerability to hazards; advocates for greater investments in disaster risk reduction to protect people's lives and assets, for increased and informed participation of men and women in reducing disaster risk; and informs and connects people by providing practical services and tools such as Prevention Web, publications on good practices, and by leading the preparation of the Global Assessment Report on Disaster Risk Reduction and the organization of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction. This position is located in the UNISDR Liaison Office with UNHQ in New York and the incumbent reports to the Head of the Disaster Risk Reduction Coordination Section, UNISDR Geneva. The focus of the job is to lead and direct implementation, monitoring and evaluation of programmes, operations, policy development in Climate Resilience with particular emphasis on greater alignment among International frameworks; national and local readiness to design and implement disaster reduction for climate adaptation; and, mobilizing government, business, finance and civil society to catalyze ambitious action on the ground (through targeted deliverables and commitments) to

strengthen climate resilience.

## **Responsibilities**

Within delegated authority, the Programme Officer will be responsible for the following duties: Develops, implements and evaluates the Climate Resilience Programme in close cooperation with the Secretary-General's Climate Change Task Team and other partners including UN Member States, UN Agencies, business, finance, knowledge institutions, civil society, etc.; monitors and analyzes programme development and implementation; reviews relevant documents and reports; identifies problems and issues to be addressed and initiates corrective actions; liaises with relevant parties; ensures follow-up actions. Performs consulting assignments, in collaboration with the client, by planning facilitating workshops, through other interactive sessions and assisting in developing the action plan the client will use to manage the change. Researches, analyzes and presents information gathered from diverse sources on disaster risk reduction, climate change, environment and development. Provides technical expertise in the development and implementation of significant and coherent deliverables (from public and private sources) for identified action areas for the Climate Summit, WCDRR and implementation of the post 2015-framework for disaster risk reduction. Coordinates policy development, including the review and analysis of issues and trends, preparation of evaluations or other research activities and studies, Generates survey initiatives; designs data collection tools; reviews, analyzes and interprets responses, identify problems/issues and prepares conclusions. Supervises and prepares written outputs, e.g. draft background papers, analysis, sections of reports and studies, inputs to publications, SRSG talking points etc. Provides substantive backstopping to consultative and other meetings and, conferences in the climate change, environment and development related areas, including the World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (WCDRR) and Preparatory Committees, e.g. coordinating stakeholder engagement, proposing agenda topics, identifying participants, preparation of documents and presentations, etc. Initiates and coordinates outreach activities; conducts training workshops, seminars, etc.; makes presentations on assigned topics/activities. Acts as focal point for NGOs, Indigenous People and Farmers, monitoring and reporting on developments, responding to inquiries, etc. Contributes to strengthening UNISDR's engagement on issues of climate change adaptation, environment and development and provides technical support and advice as required. Coordinates activities related to budget funding (programme/project preparation and submissions, progress reports, financial statements, etc.) and prepares related documents/reports (pledging, work programme, programme budget, etc.). Performs other duties as required. Work implies frequent interaction with the following: Establish and maintain relationships with counterparts, senior officers and technical staff in relevant Secretariat units and in UN funds, programs and other UN specialized agencies; Representatives and officials in national governments, international organizations, consultants. Results Expected: Develops, implements, evaluates, effective leadership and management of major projects and teams; demonstrates timely delivery of outputs in accordance with overall objectives and policies. Plays a lead role in identifying significant issues and develops well-reasoned, innovative approaches to deal with these issues. Serves as an effective spokesperson internally and externally and forms strong partnerships with relevant parties.

## **Competencies**

**Core Competencies:**Professionalism: Knowledge and understanding of theories, concepts and approaches relevant to disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation. Ability to identify issues, analyze and participate in the resolution of issues/problems. Ability to conduct data collection using various methods. Conceptual analytical and evaluative skills to conduct independent research and analysis, including familiarity with and experience in the use of various research sources, including electronic sources on the internet, intranet and other databases. Ability to apply judgment in the context of assignments given, plan own work and manage conflicting priorities. Shows pride in work and in achievements; demonstrates professional competence and mastery of subject matter; is conscientious and efficient in meeting commitments, observing deadlines and achieving results; is motivated by professional rather than personal concerns; shows persistence when faced with difficult problems or challenges; remains calm in stressful situations. Takes responsibility for incorporating gender perspectives and ensuring the equal participation of women and men in all areas of work.

**Teamwork:**-Works collaboratively with colleagues to achieve organizational goals-Solicits input by genuinely valuing others' ideas and expertise; is willing to learn from others-Places team agenda before personal agenda-Supports and acts in accordance with final group decision, even when such decisions may not entirely reflect own position-Shares credit for team accomplishments and accepts joint responsibility for team shortcomings

**Planning & Organizing:**-Develops clear goals that are consistent with agreed strategies-Identifies priority activities and assignments; adjusts priorities as required-Allocates appropriate amount of time and resources for completing work-Foresees risks and allows for contingencies when planning-Monitors and adjusts plans and actions as necessary-Uses time efficiently

**Accountability:**-Takes ownership of all responsibilities and honours commitments-Delivers outputs for which one has responsibility within prescribed time, cost and quality standards-Operates in compliance with organizational regulations and rules-Supports subordinates, provides oversight and takes responsibility for delegated assignments-Takes personal responsibility for his/her own shortcomings and those of the work unit, where applicable.

**Client Orientation:**-Considers all those to whom services are provided to be "clients " and seeks to see things from clients' point of view-Establishes and maintains productive partnerships with clients by gaining their trust and respect-Identifies clients' needs and matches them to appropriate solutions-Monitors ongoing developments inside and outside the clients' environment to keep informed and anticipate problems-Keeps clients informed of progress or setbacks in projects-Meets timeline for delivery of products or services to client

## **Education**

Advanced university degree (Master's degree or equivalent) in business administration, management, economics, natural and environment sciences or related area. A first-level university degree in combination with two additional years of qualifying experience may be accepted in lieu of the advanced university degree.

## **Work Experience**

A minimum of seven years of progressively responsible experience in project or programme management, administration or related field. Background/familiarity with disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation and/or sustainable development is required. UN experience, including field work experience desirable.

## **Languages**

Fluency in English, (both oral and written) is required; knowledge of French is desirable. Knowledge of another UN official language is an advantage

## **Assessment Method**

Evaluation of qualified candidates may include an assessment exercise which will be followed by competency-based interview.

## **United Nations Considerations**

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