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Post title **Programme Specialist**
Organizational unit **UNESCO Office in Yaoundé, Cameroon**

Duty station Yaoundé, Cameroon
Grade P-3
Post number AF/RP/CMR/SC/0003
Closing date **31 July 2006**

Purpose of post Responsibility for the development and implementation of the decentralized activities of the Natural Sciences Sector (SC), with particular attention to activities related to science, the environment and sustainable development in the countries covered by the Office and in the Central Africa subregion.

Main responsibilities Under the authority of the Director of the UNESCO Office in Yaoundé and under the overall authority of the Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences, the incumbent will be responsible for:

- acting as a focal point for the Cluster countries in relation to questions concerning the planning and formulation of strategies and programmes of activities in the natural sciences;
- participating in the preparation of the contributions required for the C/4 (Medium-Term Strategy) and C/5 (Programme and Budget) documents and ensuring the implementation and follow-up of the programmes and projects approved;
- participating in the formulation and execution of the programme of activities relating to the ecological sciences and the earth sciences in the Central Africa subregion, in the development of multidisciplinary research activities and also in the implementation of initiatives concerned with the preservation of the environment and prevention of the erosion of biodiversity;
- in close liaison with the National Committees of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP) and the UNESCO Offices in Nairobi and Accra, planning, coordinating and executing the activities of IHP in the subregion;
- In connection with the International Basic Sciences Programme (IBSP), preparing and implementing actions for the purpose of capacity-building in science, technology, engineering and mathematics;
- promoting and contributing to the development of interdisciplinary programmes between the programmes of the Science Sector for the Member States of the subregion and facilitating exchanges of experience with other humid tropical regions;
- mobilizing extrabudgetary resources to fund projects aimed at preserving biodiversity and promoting the enhancement of World Heritage sites and Biosphere reserves;
- developing and maintaining close relations with the Member States, the United Nations agencies in the subregion and with scientific institutions in Central Africa with a view to the preparation of new initiatives and programmes in the field of the natural sciences.

Profile

- University degree in ecological sciences or environmental social science.
- At least four years' confirmed experience in the field, particularly in developing countries; appropriate experience in Central Africa would be an advantage. Sound experience in project management.
- Good knowledge of micro-computing.
- Excellent knowledge of French and good knowledge of English.

Conditions of employment UNESCO's salaries are calculated in United States dollars. They consist of a basic salary and a post adjustment which reflects the cost of living in a particular duty station and exchange rates. For this post, the annual remuneration will start at around US \$73,710 (US \$68,800 if without dependants), exempt from income tax. In addition, UNESCO offers an attractive benefits package including 30 days' annual leave, home leave, an education grant for dependent children, pension plan and medical insurance. The initial appointment will be for two years, with a probationary period of 12 months, and renewal of the contract is subject to satisfactory service. Worldwide mobility is required as staff members have to serve in other duty stations according to UNESCO's job rotation policy. Please note that UNESCO is a non-smoking organization.

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