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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Position:	Junior Professional Fellowship/ Programme Associate - Sustainable Development Governance Programme
Organisation:	UNU Institute of Advanced Studies (UNU-IAS)
Reference Number:	2008/SDG JPFPA
Duty Station:	Yokohama, Japan
Application Deadline:	1 August 2008
Expected start date:	as soon as possible

UNU-IAS Objectives: The UNU-IAS, one of the premier research and training centres of the United Nations University located in Yokohama, Japan, was officially inaugurated in April 1996. Its programme is directed at addressing issues of global concern to the United Nations with an interdisciplinary approach. Since 2002, the Institute has shifted toward a strong policy oriented, strategic research approach, the goal of which is to promote the sustainable co-existence of humans and the environment. The overarching theme is Strategic Approaches to Sustainable Development and includes sub-areas such as biodiversity and biotechnology policy, ecosystem services assessments, climate change, environmental governance, WTO and sustainable development, traditional knowledge, ecological economics, and science technology policy for developing countries. More detailed information on the Institute's activities can be found at: <http://www.ias.unu.edu>.

Background to the Junior Professional Fellows programme: Junior Professional Fellowships of one year with the possibility of extension of one further year are offered to young scholars, recent graduates and budding professionals who are motivated by a desire to contribute to, or gain experience in a UN organisation or international academic institution. The Fellow will be fully engaged in the Institute's programmatic and research activities while at the same time gaining relevant experience and knowledge that will help equip them for a career in the UN or some other international organisation.

Major responsibilities and required qualifications: The Institute is recruiting a **Junior Professional Fellow** for the [Sustainable Development Governance](#) programme with superior academic achievement, excellent analytical, research, organisational and writing skills. Candidates should be comfortable juggling multiple tasks, working on operational and programmatic activities and conducting policy research. The ability to work both independently and in a team setting is required. Applicants should have a background in international relations, political science, law, environmental studies, policy studies, sociology, science and technology policy, and economics or a similar or related field. *Given the Sustainable Development Governance programme's research focus areas are climate change, international environmental governance, and WTO and sustainable development, experience in (any of) these areas will be an added advantage.*

Qualifications required: Applicants must have a master's degree or higher, and have a high level proficiency in English. Knowledge of the governance structures of the UN and international organisations will be considered an added advantage. Women and applicants from developing countries are particularly encouraged to apply. Candidates should also be able to demonstrate:

- Strong communication and interpersonal skills
- Ability to work within a team
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, etc)
- Strong writing and research skills

Remuneration: Fellowship awards include a monthly stipend (YEN 240,000 per month), and a return ticket between Japan and the Fellow's country of residence. Assistance will be given to find adequate housing.

Duration of contract: One year with a possible extension as a Programme Associate for an additional year. The extension for an additional year will be based on high performance requirements.

How to apply: Please send an application letter together with your CV. In your application letter please quote the above reference number and demonstrate how your qualifications and experiences match the requirements set out above. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

Address applications to:

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