



Corporate Services Division

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Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the Junior Professional Officer Programme of UN Environment which presents governments with the opportunity to sponsor young and competent professionals to work with UN Environment, at various duty stations, in either one of its divisions or offices or in the secretariat of one of the Multilateral Environmental Agreements.

The continuing success of the Programme is due to the generous support of the governments who sponsor it, and in return it offers great benefits to the sponsoring government, the young professionals themselves and also to UN Environment. There are currently 35 Junior Professional Officers on board in UN Environment and a further seven are in various stages of recruitment. They are sponsored by the Governments of Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, the Netherlands, Norway, Spain and Sweden. In addition, the People's Republic of China very recently joined the Programme.

Excellency, I would like to invite your government to consider sponsoring a young professional with UN Environment in the coming year. In this regard, I am pleased to attach for your consideration a list of new vacant positions which are of high priority for implementation of UN Environment's programme of work and those of the Multilateral Environmental Agreements. The detailed terms of reference pertaining to these positions are available on the UN Environment website and can be downloaded from the following address: <http://apps.unep.org/jpoportal/auth>. In order to view the terms of reference you need to log in with the username: cpr and password: cpr123.

UN Environment would also like to encourage governments to consider supporting a Junior Professional Officer from a developing country. In addition, UN Environment recognizes the importance of establishing new partnerships with additional member States, particularly middle income countries and countries from the South, and would welcome their participation in the Junior Professional Officer Programme.

Should you be interested in supporting one of these positions, or should you require any further information concerning UN Environment's Junior Professional Officer Programme, you may wish to contact the Coordinator of the Programme at the following email address: maria.cunningham@unep.org.

I hope your government will favourably consider supporting one or more Junior Professional Officers with UN Environment in the coming year and I look forward to hearing from you in this regard.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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To: The Committee of Permanent Representatives to UN Environment