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The **UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education** offers graduate education in Delft, The Netherlands, and carries out research and capacity building projects all over the world. The mission of UNESCO-IHE is to contribute to the education and training of professionals and to build the capacity of sector organizations, knowledge centres and other institutions active in the fields of water, the environment and infrastructure in developing countries and countries in transition.

UNESCO-IHE has a permanent staff of 180, of which 90 are scientific staff, while about 250 guest-lecturers from academia and industry contribute to the educational programme. Each year 750 participants (incl. about 200 new MSc students per year) from all over the world attend the various regular and short courses at UNESCO-IHE. The institute has an international staff & student community with English as working language

The **Integrated Water Systems & Governance department** covers a broad range of disciplinary knowledge – sociology, law, economics, public administration, political science, information technology, mathematics, hydrological and hydraulic modelling sciences, engineering, knowledge management and innovation studies. The department has recently acquired the Horizon 2020 project Ground Truth 2.0 for which it intends to recruit a:

Junior Researcher on Citizen Science (m/f) 0.42 FTE

This position contributes to the Horizon 2020 project 'Ground Truth 2.0 – Environmental knowledge discovery of human-sensed data' (2016-2019). The project is undertaken by 14 partner organisations and aims to demonstrate and validate six scaled up citizen observatories in real operational conditions, in EU and Africa.

We offer a dynamic and challenging position in an international environment. The junior researcher will have the unique opportunity to carry out action research on citizen science. The research will be challenging since it will feed into concrete project outputs at pre-determined and fixed dates.

Responsibilities

- Design and undertake the stakeholder analysis of several demonstration cases; guide partners in the implementation of the remaining cases
- Contribute to the functional design of the demonstration cases
- Design and implement user-centred co-design workshops and stakeholder engagement activities in diverse locations and cultural settings; guide partners in the implementation of such workshops and engagement activities
- Support the preparation and execution of project meetings
- Draft, write and review project deliverables, ensuring they are of high quality, in time and within budget
- Contribute to project management activities on an ad hoc basis as needed
- Contribute to project-related funding opportunities and acquisitions
- Design and implement topic-related capacity development interventions

Requirements

- Motivated to do high quality scientific research
- Minimum 5 years of professional experience as Junior Researcher or comparable position/experience;
- Experience and affiliation with citizen science (its theory and/or practice)
- Master degree in a relevant social science discipline, e.g. sociology, psychology or political science with demonstrable training in qualitative and quantitative research skills and with excellent grades
- Ability to work under pressure and to tight deadlines.
- Ability to combine creative and analytical thinking;
- Willingness to contribute proactively to the development of the Ground Truth 2.0 project
- Experience with working in an international environment, especially Africa;
- Excellent interpersonal skills within a multi-national and cultural context; and ability to deal with a wide range of partners;
- Excellent written and spoken command of English, as demonstrated by previous course work and/or publications in English; Spanish and/or Dutch language skills are an advantage
- Team spirit and flexible;

Terms of employment

This position is a temporary project-based position for a period of 1 year with the possibility of extension, all subject to availability of funding in the GroundTruth 2.0 project. The position is based in Delft, The Netherlands. A competitive salary is offered depending on qualifications and experience in accordance with the conditions of employment for Dutch Universities. The appointment implies entry into the Netherlands' Civil Service Pension Fund (ABP). Candidates must be prepared to carry out short-term missions abroad.

Information and application

Additional information can be obtained from Dr. Uta Wehn who is the Project Director and will guide this researcher.

Applications (in English) should respond specifically to the requirements and can be sent until **30th September 2016** including curriculum vitae, motivation letter and the names and contact details of two contactable referees (*all together as one PDF file with your family name as the filename*), to UNESCO-IHE, attn. Human Resource Management via e-mail to vacancies@unesco-ihe.org, PO Box 3015, 2601 DA Delft, The Netherlands, stating vacancy-number **16-IWSG-13**.

Reactions from staffing agencies and other 3rd parties are not appreciated.