

IHE Delft Institute for Water Education offers post-graduate education in Delft, The Netherlands, and carries out research and capacity building projects all over the world. The mission of IHE Delft is to contribute to the education and training of professionals and to build the capacity of sector organizations, knowledge centers and other institutions active in the fields of water, the environment and infrastructure in developing countries and countries in transition. IHE Delft has a permanent staff of 180, of which 90 scientific staff, while about 250 guest-lecturers from academia and industry contribute to the educational program. Each year 750 participants (incl. about 200 new MSc students) from all over the world attend the various regular and short courses at IHE Delft. The institute has an international staff & student community with English as working language.

The Water Science and Engineering Department conducts research and provides post-graduate education and training to professionals in the fields of water resources assessment and control, hydraulic engineering, hydrology/hydrogeology, various fields related to aquatic ecosystems and limnology, irrigation and drainage, navigation and hydropower, port and coastal engineering, and floods, droughts and pollution. The department is organized into six scientific chair groups: 1) Hydrology and Water Resources, 2) Hydraulic Engineering – River Basin Development, 3) Land and Water Development, 4) Coastal Engineering and Port Development, 5) Freshwater Ecosystems, and 6) Flood Resilience, each headed by a professor.

For this department we are looking for a:

Project Specialist (m/f) 1.0 FTE

IHE Delft is supporting water authorities in the transboundary Mara River Basin of Kenya and Tanzania to develop a water allocation plan for continued sustainable development of water resources in the basin. This includes detailed participatory assessments of water availability, present and future demands, and environmental flows necessary to protect ecosystems and the related services basin residents depend upon. The planning process and stakeholder engagement is also aligned with transboundary cooperative activities under the Lake Victoria Basin Commission and the Nile Basin Initiative. This position is for a coordinator to assist in the day-to-day planning and execution of the project over a one-year period.

Responsibilities

- Act as day-to-day coordinator of Delft-based activities to achieve project targets and outputs
- Liaise with the Tanzania-based coordinator to harmonise Delft and Tanzania based activities
- Planning and organizing personnel, equipment, logistics (etc.) for field activities
- Develop and manage the project database
- Help to organize meetings/workshops/trainings
- Monitor financial progress relative to project budget
- Coordinate report writing activities

Qualifications

- MSc degree (or equivalent) in hydrology, ecology, civil engineering, or a related natural science;
- Demonstrated academic competency (based on academic transcripts)
- Excellent organizational and communication skills;
- Professional and/or personal experience in Africa preferred;
- Fluency in English required.

Terms of employment

This position is temporary with a duration of 1 year. The position is based in Delft. A competitive salary in accordance with the CAO of Dutch Universities scale 10 is offered depending on qualifications and experience. The appointment implies entry into the Netherlands' Civil Service Pension Fund (ABP). Candidates must be prepared to carry out long- and short-term missions abroad.

The issuing of an employment contract for this vacancy is contingent on the availability of project funding. Advertisement of this vacancy does not guarantee that the post will be filled.

Information and application

Additional information can be obtained from Prof. M.E. McClain, PhD, MSc, Hydrology and Water Resources Chair Group (T: +31(0)15 215 1852 / E: m.mcclain@un-ihe.org).

Applications should be in English, should respond specifically to the requirements, and can be sent until **26 May 2017 including** curriculum vitae, motivation letter and the names and contact details of two contactable referees (*as one PDF file with your family name as the filename*), to IHE Delft, attn. Human Resource Management (E: vacancies@unesco-ihe.org), PO Box 3015, 2601 DA Delft, The Netherlands, stating vacancy-number **17-WSE-03**.

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