



INTERNSHIP

Global Initiative G20

Duration of assignment: Three to six months

Background

Desertification, along with climate change and the loss of biodiversity were identified as the greatest challenges to sustainable development during the 1992 Rio Earth Summit.

Established in 1994, the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) is the sole legally binding international agreement linking environment and development to sustainable land management. The Convention seeks to support countries to address Desertification, Land Degradation, and Drought (DLDD). (www.unccd.int)

The G20 (or Group of Twenty) is the annual international forum for the governments from 19 industrialized countries and the European Union (EU). Collectively, the G20 economies account for around 90 percent of the gross world product (GWP), 75 percent of world trade, two-thirds of the world population, and approximately half of the world's land area. In 2020, Saudi Arabia held the rotating Presidency of the G20. The G20 Leaders' Declaration, issued on Sunday, 22 November 2020, launched a "**Global Initiative on Reducing Land Degradation and Enhancing Conservation of Terrestrial Habitats**". Building on existing initiatives and on a voluntary basis, the G20 countries share the ambition to achieve a 50 percent reduction in the amount of degraded land by 2040.

The Global Initiative (GI) with oversight from UNCCD, will focus on capacity building, engaging the private sector and civil society and showcasing success. The Director, under the oversight of the Executive Secretary of the UNCCD, manages the Initiative Coordination Office (ICO).

Duties and Responsibilities:

Under the direct supervision of the Director of the initiative or any other staff member assigned by the director, the interns will assist in the performance of the following duties:

- research, collect and prepare reports on countrywide land restoration and habitat conservation efforts, from Government, private sector and community
- research, collect information and prepare reports on regional land degradation and habitat conservation efforts such as Great Green Wall and Green Middle East Initiative
- research, collect information and prepare reports on global funding streams to support land restoration and habitat conservation, including REDD, GEF, GCF and Bezos Earth Fund
- monitor social media for topics relevant for the global initiative work with the rest of the Team in the design, development and implementation of awareness-raising activities

Competencies

Communication: Speaks and writes clearly and effectively; listens to others; asks questions to clarify issues; and exhibits interest in having two-way communication; tailors language, tone, style and format to match the audience; demonstrates openness in sharing information and keeping people informed.

Teamwork: Works collaboratively with colleagues to achieve organizational goals; solicits input by genuinely valuing others' ideas and expertise; is willing to learn from others; supports and acts in accordance with final group decision.

Creativity: Actively seeks to improve programmes or services; offers new and different options to solve problems or meet client needs; promotes and persuades others to consider new ideas; takes an interest in new ideas and new ways of doing things.

Expected qualifications/Skills

To qualify for an internship with the United Nations Internship Programme, applicants must meet the following requirements:



- be enrolled in the final academic year of a first university degree programme (minimum Bachelor's level or equivalent);
- have graduated with a university degree and, if selected, must commence the internship within a one-year period of graduation. Applicants who are unable to commence the internship within one year of graduation shall not be accepted;
- research skills: ability to perform effective and efficient internet searches, and desk research;
- writing skills: ability to draft and edit content for publication in the language he/she shall be working in, i.e. English, French or Spanish;
- planning and organizing: ability to work in an organized and structured way
- computer literate, with sound knowledge of and ability to use Microsoft Office Suite

Language skills

Only individuals who can act as independent, individual economical operators are qualified to apply. Individuals who can provide their services only on account of an institution or enterprise not in their individual capacity are not eligible under this procedure.

Work experience

Applicants are not required to have professional work experience to be accepted for this internship.

Duration

Due to COVID-19, the selected interns will work remotely, and must have their own computer/internet access. However, the incumbents will be invited to the UNCCD Offices in Bonn, Germany if and when the situation with the pandemic allows. The remote internship is full time, i.e. 5 days a week, 8 hours per day, for a minimum period of 3 and maximum of 6 months, **within the period April to December 2022**. The exact period will be determined based on the availability of the intern and the needs of the division.

Submission of application

Internship application forms can be found at: <https://www.unccd.int/convention/work-with-us/internship>

Your completed application form including ALL of the documents listed below are required and should be submitted by e-mail to staffing@unccd.int, specifying in the subject line: **{Your name} G20 Global Initiative internship**.

******The deadline for applications is 10th April 2022******

Only applications submitted by the deadline and meeting the requirements will be considered. No telephone calls will be returned. Please address your application as indicated below and please do not address or copy your application to an individual at the Secretariat.

*******Incomplete applications will not be considered*******

Applicants must attach ALL of the following documents to each application:

1. UNCCD internship application form; acceptance and undertaking (conditions and annex form-available on the above link)
2. cover letter stating the reasons for applying
3. two letters of recommendation
4. proof of enrolment from current University (if not graduated) or copy of degree certificate (if you have already graduated)
5. a scanned copy of the applicant's valid medical insurance or a signed statement confirming intent to obtain medical insurance while in Germany.



Your Cover Letter must include:

- ✓ your availability (dates) for the internship
- ✓ your Degree Programme (what are you currently studying or have recently graduated from?)
- ✓ your graduation date (when will you graduate or when did you graduate from the programme?)
- ✓ explain why you are a good candidate for this internship
- ✓ explain your interest in the UNCCD

Submission of application

Potential candidates will be contacted by hiring manager directly for further consideration. Due to a high volume of applications received, ONLY successful candidates will be contacted

Internship with UNCCD is unpaid. Interns are not financially remunerated by the UNCCD. Costs and arrangements for travel, visas, accommodation and living expenses are the responsibility of the intern or his/her sponsoring institution