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Executive Director (L6)

International Human Dimensions Programme on Global Environmental Change (IHDP)

Organizational Unit: Secretariat of the International Human Dimensions Programme on Global Environmental Change (IHDP) based in Bonn, Germany.

Reference number: 2009/UNU-ViE/IHDP/001

Applications to: IHDP Executive Director Search Committee, c/o Office of the Rector, United Nations University Headquarters, 53-70 Jingumae 5-chome, Shibuya-ku Tokyo 150-8925, Japan. (Fax: 81-3-3499-2828). Nominations or letters of application, including full curriculum vitae (with publications list) and names and addresses and fax numbers of three referees should clearly indicate the above reference number. A covering letter setting out how your qualifications and experience match the requirements of the position must also accompany the application. Email applications/nominations may be sent to: IHDPED@hq.unu.edu. All applications/nominations will be acknowledged.

Application deadline: 31 March 2009

About IHDP:

The United Nations University (UNU); the International Council for Science (ICSU), and the International Social Science Council (ISSC) invite applications for the position of Executive Director of the International Human Dimensions Programme on Global Environmental Change (IHDP). IHDP is an international and interdisciplinary scientific programme, focussing on the social and human dimensions of environmental change. IHDP is dedicated to promoting, catalysing, and coordinating research, capacity-building, and networking on the

human dimensions of global environmental change. IHDP, from a social science perspective, examines areas of concern for societies related to global change and works at the interface between science, policy, and practice. For detailed information on the programme, please visit the following websites: www.ihdp.unu.edu, www.vie.unu.edu, www.ehs.unu.edu, www.unu.edu.

Responsibilities:

The Executive Director, in co-operation with the IHDP Scientific Committee and its Chairperson, facilitates the expeditious development, implementation, and evaluation of the IHDP Programme. In particular, the Executive Director will:

- facilitate the development, implementation, and co-ordination of IHDP Science Projects and Joint Projects with partner programmes;
- be responsible for the overall management of the IHDP Secretariat (about 19 persons);
- promote the establishment and/or strengthening of national and regional human dimensions committees and research programmes;
- ensure effective representation and links between IHDP and other relevant research programmes, especially IGBP, WCRP, DIVERSITAS, ESSP, and the sponsoring organisations (ICSU, ISSC and UNU), as well as relevant entities of the United Nations system, the international policy community, and funding agencies;
- support the development and implementation of an information strategy which promotes networking within the human dimensions research community and wider practice community.

Required qualifications:

The successful candidate shall have proven leadership capabilities and international research reputation in a relevant social science discipline, which is documented in a PhD degree, publications, and a distinguished task record, as well as

- experience and knowledge of the socio-economic, cultural, behavioural, and institutional dimensions of the global environmental change research effort;
- excellent skills in staff development, office management, and financial management skills;
- experience in international scientific collaboration including, if possible, both governmental and non-governmental organizations;
- excellent command of written and spoken English; knowledge of other UN languages desirable;
- awareness of the relevant state-of-the-art research in the natural sciences, engineering, and applied sciences;
- capacity for extensive international travel.

Duration of contract and place of assignment:

The Executive Director, will be appointed by the Rector of UNU for an initial period of two years. The successful candidate will be based in Bonn, Germany, where the IHDP Secretariat is located.

Starting date:

The position is to be filled by 1 July 2009 or as soon as possible thereafter (subject to negotiation).

Remuneration:

Approximate net salary: US\$122,600 p.a. (single status) – US\$133,000 p.a. (with dependants), including post adjustment. Post adjustment subject to change.

Applications from suitably qualified women candidates are particularly encouraged. The Rector reserves the right to appoint a candidate to a level below that advertised.