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Post title **Chief of Section**  
Organisational unit **Section on Sustainable Water Resources Development and Management, Division of Water Sciences, Natural Sciences Sector**  
Duty station Paris, France  
Grade P-5  
Post number SC-125  
Closing date **19 April 2007**

**Main responsibilities** Under the overall authority of the Assistant Director General for Natural Sciences and the direct supervision of the Director of the Division of Water Sciences, the incumbent will be responsible for:

- Planning and managing activities within the framework of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP), as well as the World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP), taking into account the Millennium Development Goals and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation such as: the Integrated river basin, the joint UNESCO/WMO International Food Programme, contributions to SIMDAS, and the International Sediment Initiative.
- Assuming the function of the IHP Education Officer and the responsibility for Water Education, capacity building for sustainable development, and security within the framework of the UN Decade on Education for Sustainable Development.
- Assuming the functions of the officer responsible for publications across UNESCO, Water activities including WEB based activities.
- Preparing and organising workshops, symposia, seminars and other expert meetings, and implementing a quality control procedure for scientific publications, on the fields mentioned above.
- Liaising with cooperating IHP National Committees, UNESCO/IHP centres and institutes, UNESCO Regional Offices, relevant United Nations Agencies, and scientific governmental and non-governmental organizations.
- Participating in the preparatory activities of meetings of the Intergovernmental Council of the IHP and of its Bureau, the preparation of the required documentations and reports for the Intergovernmental Council of the IHP and its subsidiary bodies; and contributing to the relevant sections of UNESCO's medium-term strategy and biennial Programme and budget documents.

- Profile**
- Advanced University Degree (preferably PhD or equivalent scientific qualifications) in civil or environmental engineering with emphasis on water resources management, system analysis, hydrology, hydraulics and water quality, especially in integrated water resources management studies.
  - 10-15 years of progressively responsible experience related to the functions of the post, of which at least 5 years with managerial responsibilities. Experience in policy development and decision making processes.
  - Preferably teaching experience at university level. Experience with UN or other IGOs or professional NGOs would be an asset.
  - Excellent knowledge of English, and good knowledge of French.

**Conditions of employment** UNESCO's salaries are calculated in US dollars but mainly paid in local currency. They consist of a basic salary and a post adjustment which reflects the cost of living in a particular duty station and exchange rates. For this post, the annual remuneration in local currency will start from around €95,600 (€88,800 if without dependants). In addition, UNESCO offers an attractive benefits package including 30 days annual vacation, home travel, education grant for dependent children, pension plan and medical insurance. The initial appointment, which is for two years, includes a probationary period of 12 months, and is renewable, subject to satisfactory service. Worldwide mobility is required as staff members have to serve in other duty stations according to UNESCO's job rotation policy. UNESCO is a non-smoking Organisation.

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**Women as well as nationals from non- or under-represented Member States are encouraged to apply**

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