

Terms of Reference for a Flemish Traineeship

Water and Climate Risk Management through Open and Citizen Science

6 MONTHS

Job Purpose:

Provide support to implement activities within the thematic areas of climate change, water resources, water related disasters, adaptation and capacity development in accordance with the UNESCO Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme (IHP-IX, 2022-2029) 'Science for Water Secure World, in a Changing Environment'. The traineeship will be considered full time, with location in UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, France, and is unremunerated.

Tasks

- Provide support and assistance on thematic areas related to climate change, water resources, water scarcity, water related disasters, Open and Citizen Science and adaptation related activities undertaken by the section on Hydrological Systems Climate Change and Adaptation.
- Provide support to the implementation of the Flemish-funded project 'Addressing Hydro-Climatic Vulnerability through Citizen and Open Science'.
- Provide support to coordinate IHP activities within the framework of IHP initiatives in coordination with technical secretariat hosted by UNESCO centres and chairs.
- Support to implement activities related to climate resilient water management approaches within the framework of IHP initiatives in coordination with technical secretariat hosted by UNESCO centres and chairs.
- Prepare list of participants, and provide logistical support and assist to prepare web-based meetings and workshop organized by the section including during global and regional water related events (world Water Forum, COP, etc).
- Provide support to the section in governance activities such as IHP Bureau and Council of UNESCO and the Division of Water Science.
- Prepare e-brochures and web-based dissemination materials;
- Support to the preparation of communication material of the planned events.
- Prepare meeting notes and report of the events
- Provide support to IHP and Water Science Division related task as required.

Learning objective:

- The trainee will learn about the mandate and activities of IHP within the UN.
- Through involvement in different IHP activities, the trainee will learn IHP's priorities and outputs and activities of the IHP-IX (2022-2029) Science for Water Secure World, in a Changing Environment.
- The trainee will learn about the activities involved in the scientific activities in collaboration with UNESCO water networks such as Centers and Chairs.

Working Section:

Section for Hydrological Systems, Climate Change and Adaptation (SC/HYD/HCA)

Education: Masters' study in hydrology, environment and science related field or in development studies/political sciences

Languages: English is the main language. Knowledge of French and/or Spanish is an asset.

Application procedure: Interested candidates can send their CV and motivation letter to k.verbist@unesco.org, with copy to rk.nguma@unesco.org.