



Vacancy Announcement

Vacancy Code	VA/PRF/2017/IS/002
Post Title	Investment Specialist
Duty Station	Manila, Philippines
Position Type	Full-time
Duration	December 31, 2018 (with possibility of extension)

Background

Are you looking to make a difference with your work? Do you have a passion for applying finance to advance environmental conservation and social benefit? Would you like to help protect and sustain the health of our oceans, a vital resource in East Asia?

Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia (PEMSEA) is an intergovernmental organization specializing in integrated coastal management and ocean governance for the Seas of East Asia. Beginning as a regional project in 1993 under the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) with funding support from the Global Environment Facility (GEF), 11 countries in the region resolved to transform PEMSEA into a fully self-sustaining regional organization with a mission to foster and sustain healthy and resilient oceans, coasts, communities and economies across the Seas of East Asia through integrated management solutions and partnerships. PEMSEA's mandate is to pursue implementation of an adopted regional marine strategy, the Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia (SDS-SEA).

PEMSEA is seeking an Investment Specialist based in Manila who will be responsible for building and managing an Ocean Investment Facility for the region, including pre-investment activities and coordination between multiple partners and funds devoted to channeling private and donor capital into bankable projects supporting the sustainable development of coasts and oceans.

Responsibilities

Reporting to the Director of Strategic Initiatives, the Investment Specialist will be responsible for operationalizing an Ocean Investment Facility for cultivating a pipeline of investible projects, infrastructure and/or enterprises across a range of sectors as part of PEMSEA's integrated coastal management (ICM) work in East Asia. Responsibilities will include the following:

- Develop a work program for design and launch of an Ocean Investment Facility

- Develop standardized processes/templates for sourcing investment opportunities
- Working with local government and other partners, identify and develop investment opportunities in coastal areas that provide financial return and positive social and/or environmental impact
- Structure arrangements with investment funds and partners and/or design of new fund(s) to ensure financial sustainability of the Ocean Investment Facility
- Develop and manage relationships with international, regional and local partners who can provide technical assistance and linkage to investors
- Promote and execute investments with investors and funds
- Set up a system to monitor and report on the portfolio of investments, including measures of environmental, social and financial return
- Contribute to development of major donor proposals (e.g., Green Climate Fund, Global Environment Facility) for strengthening the Ocean Investment Facility and advancing investment in blue economy in the region
- Represent PEMSEA on investment boards/committees and at investor events

Qualifications and Skills Required

The ideal candidate will be skilled in finance and investment, with an interest in developing investments supporting social and environmental impact. They should be able to speak the language of the finance community, with the curiosity and confidence to engage with technical experts and local communities. S/he will be a strong communicator, with success managing projects with demonstrated impact. Desired qualifications include:

- Strong finance background with at least 5-7 years' experience working in investment, private enterprise / value chain development and/or the provision of investment products, including financial modeling skills
- Some knowledge of current social and environmental sustainability issues, especially in the developing world, with knowledge of oceans a plus
- Ability to learn quickly, comfortable working with technical topics and translating between the requirements of the investment community and on-the-ground reality of working in a developing-world context
- Demonstrated stakeholder engagement skills, with an ability to operate and communicate effectively in a cross-cultural environment
- Critical thinking, with an ability to generate new ideas, effectively plan and prioritize to meet the organization's larger goals
- Project management, able to deliver good work on time collaborating with internal and external contributors and partners
- A passion for building something new to deliver positive social and environmental impact
- Ability to work in a challenging and dynamic entrepreneurial setting
- BS/BA required; MBA or relevant Master's degree preferred
- Strong written and oral communication skills in English required. Knowledge of the language of any PEMSEA partner country in the region a plus
- Proficiency with standard software and applications, e.g., word processing, spreadsheets, presentations, etc.
- Ability to travel within the region and internationally

Submission of Applications

Qualified candidates may submit their application together with complete Curriculum Vitae to the Recruitment Officer, via email to info@pemsea.org. Kindly indicate the vacancy number and post title when applying (in the subject line) by email. The deadline for submission of application is **15 September 2017**.

Additional Considerations

- Applications received after the closing date will not be considered.
- Only those candidates that are shortlisted for interviews will be notified.
- Qualified female candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.

For more information on PEMSEA Resource Facility, please visit the website at www.pemsea.org.