Post title
Programme Specialist
Organisational unit
UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS)
Duty station
Montreal, Canada
Grade
P-3
Post number
1CAUIS0580ST
Closing date
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Main responsibilities
Under the overall authority of the Director of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS), under the Head of the Education Indicators (EIDA) Section, and the direct supervision of the Programme Specialist, the incumbent will be the main focal point for education statistics in East Asia and Pacific region. He/she will have the following responsibilities:

- In the area of collection, production and application of national education indicators for East Asia and Pacific region:
  - Extract, analyse and evaluate data and liaise with other Units.
  - Maintain data quality by reviewing and validating indicators, giving feedback to data providers and developing a follow-up strategy at the country level.
  - Collect and maintain data from other sources to supplement UIS data and develop country expertise by desk research and national site visits.
  - Maintain ISCED mappings in collaboration with national statisticians in the region.
  - Organize and participate in regional meetings and statistical training, including documentation and delivery of presentations.
  - Organise, analyse and review regional and global statistical and analytical outputs.

- Manage autonomously a large-scale project related to development of modular education data collection instruments:
  - Research, design and pilot instruments at the regional level.
  - Lead internal EIDA teams.
  - Implement regional data collection instruments.

- Cultivate professional networks and represent the UIS at conferences, workshops and meetings;
- Provide training and guidance to statistical support staff and project teams;
- Lead in the implementation of activities related to Indicator and data development and/or education thematic projects.

Profile
- University degree (preferably at master’s level) in statistics or a closely related numeric discipline (such as demography, economics or mathematics) or in the fields of education or social sciences with a substantial applied statistics component.
- At least 4 to 7 years of work experience in applied social statistics (preferably in the field of education) is required. Professional experience of at least 2 years either within a UN or similar agency or in a Government Ministry would be an asset.
- Experience in the management of projects related to the data collection instruments and use.
- Knowledge of statistical concepts and methods.
- Good analytical and drafting skills: ability to collect and analyze statistical information and prepare reports in a clear and concise manner.
- Demonstrated oral and written communication skills. Experience in training and making presentations to specialised audience is required.
- Ability to lead and motivate a team and to maintain effective working relationships in a multi-cultural environment.
- Excellent IT skills. Demonstrated skills using Microsoft Excel, databases, as well as statistical software packages (SAS, SPSS etc) is necessary.
- Excellent knowledge of English or French and a good knowledge of the other language. Knowledge of another official UN language would be an asset.

A written test may be used in the evaluation of candidates

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