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Post title **Programme Specialist (Earth Sciences)**

Organisational unit **UNESCO Office in Nairobi**

Duty station **Nairobi, Kenya**

Grade **P-4**

Post number **AF/RP/KEN/SC/0003**

Closing date **24 September 2009**

Main responsibilities Under the overall authority of the Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences, under the direct supervision of the Director, UNESCO Nairobi office, and in close collaboration with the Division of Ecological and Earth Sciences, the incumbent shall be responsible for the programming, planning, implementation, evaluation and coordination of all activities in the field of Earth Sciences within the Africa region. The incumbent shall undertake the following tasks:

- Promote the UNESCO Geoscience education programme in Africa to increase the human resource capacity in the fields of geology, geophysics, mineral resources and energy development, environmental geology, geohazards mitigation, engineering geology, environmental sustainability, and medical geology (geomedicine) with an emphasis on activities supporting women geoscientists and mainstream women in all capacity building activities.
- Identify and promote applied research themes of interest to the international scientific community with a view of fostering regional collaboration. Work within the framework of the UNESCO's International Geoscience Programme (IGCP) and in collaboration with International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS) and other international geoscientific programmes for the production of thematic geological maps, post-graduate training in the Earth Sciences, in remote sensing and geodata handling, climate change and industrial pollution.
- Participate in local and international geo-conservation schemes in Sub-Saharan Africa, including nomination of the most significant geoscientific monuments in this region to preserve their natural and cultural heritage.
- Develop the activities of the Pan-African Geological Information systems (PANGIS) to modernise bibliographical and factual geodata handling in African geoscience institutes;
- Design resource mobilization strategy in support of programme activities in Earth Sciences and Natural Disaster management in Africa;
- Develop and maintain regular contacts with United Nations Agencies, Multilateral and Bilateral Development Agencies, regional funds and development banks (African Development Bank), the European Commission, Private Sectors, IGOs, NGOs in view of the development and implementation of joint activities in the area of Earth Sciences and Natural Disaster management for the sub-region within the context of the United Nations "Delivering as One" approach and CCA/UNDAF processes.

- Profile**
- Advanced university degree (preferably at PhD level) in Geology.
 - At least 7 years of progressively responsible experience in the field of geosciences, of which preferably 3-5 years acquired at the international level.
 - Relevant professional experience in geosciences issues related to Africa.
 - Experience in planning, implementation and evaluation of programme activities in the field of geosciences.
 - Experience in fund-raising and resource mobilisation.
 - Excellent IT skills.
 - Excellent knowledge of English or French, knowledge of the other language would be an asset.

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