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CALL FOR CANDIDATURES

The Global Climate Observing System (GCOS) – a programme sponsored by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the International Council for Science (ICSU) – is looking for a:

Consultant for the GCOS-GOOS-WCRP Ocean Observations Panel for Climate (OOPC)

The OOPC has the goal of developing sound scientific recommendations for observations for ocean climate monitoring, prediction and research. The duties of the incumbent will involve effective working relations with cooperating programmes of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), and the International Council for Science (ICSU).

Duties:

Under the supervision of the Director of the Global Climate Observing System (GCOS) Secretariat, the Consultant for the Ocean Observations Panel for Climate (OOPC), co-sponsored by GCOS, the Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS) and the World Climate Research Programme (WCRP), would perform the following duties.

1. Support the OOPC in identifying and coordinating the scientific requirements of the climate community related to ocean observations with the guidance from the GCOS, GOOS and WCRP science panels and expert groups.
2. Assist in providing scientific and programme management advice to the ocean observing communities with respect to the implementation of sustained satellite-based and in-situ based observations of Essential Climate Variables through the organization of reviews on the adequacy of the observing system, preparation of reports and participation in relevant meetings.
3. Monitor and assist in the implementation of ocean activities related to the actions in the GCOS Implementation Plan, assess the implementation status and assist in preparing the progress report.
4. Organize panel meetings and associated workshops and conferences, prepare supporting documents, taking and writing up the notes, finalizing and publishing the reports, including the implementation of action items, and the response to requests from the Panel. Take the lead in the generation and maintenance of ocean climate indices for the OOPC and GOOS, as indicators of the growing ability to measure the ocean, as well as monitor the intersessional activities of the Panel.
5. Contribute to the WMO-IOC Joint Technical Commission for Oceanography and Marine Meteorology (JCOMM), which has the goal to coordinate the implementation and development of standards and support for the global ocean observing networks.
6. Provide relevant input to, and assist in support for the GCOS and GOOS Steering Committees. Ensure good liaison with WCRP, the WMO Technical Commissions, the WMO Integrated Global Observing System Project Office and other relevant partners on all matters relevant to ocean climate research and observations.
7. Coordinate the involvement of GCOS and GOOS in climate research and observations for the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) with regard to ocean climate observations and provide input to the preparations of reports to the UNFCCC and its subsidiary bodies.

Qualifications: Master or Ph.D. in Oceanography, or closely related field. At least three years of relevant project management experience in an international organization with strong exposure to marine meteorological or oceanographic policy issues. Practical familiarity with ocean observing techniques and basic knowledge of the academic and national structures as well as the international arrangements behind the ocean observing system. Experience with the Internet and maintenance of web pages. Excellent knowledge of word processing and presentation software. Ability to draft reports. Excellent knowledge of English or French (spoken and written) and a good working knowledge of the other language. Knowledge of other official languages of the WMO Secretariat would be an advantage.

Commencement of Duty: As soon as possible after the closing date.

Nature of Assignment and Salary: Temporary appointment of up to 11 months on Geneva local conditions. Monthly net salary and post adjustment corresponding to UN P.3 level.

Expressions of interest should be made on the WMO Personal History Form which may be obtained from the WMO Secretariat on request or downloaded from the Internet at http://www.wmo.int/pages/vacancies/index_en.html and should be addressed under confidential cover, mentioning "Programme Officer for the GCOS-GOOS-WCRP Ocean Observations Panel for Climate (OOPC)", to: The Chief, Human Resources Division, World Meteorological Organization, P.O. Box 2300, 1211 Geneva 2, Switzerland.

CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST: 26 October 2012.