

CARLO SCHMID PROGRAMME
FOR INTERNSHIPS IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS AND EU INSTITUTIONS
PLACEMENT OFFER 2017/2018

Reference No.: UNECE-FAO1, Genf - Forestry and Timber Section

Name of host organisation	United Nations Economic Commission for Europe / Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Forestry and Timber Section
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Dates/duration	01.09.2017 – 31.03.2018, 7 months
Supervisor	Mr Roman Michalak, Acting Chief, UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section
Detailed description of the internship project(s); tasks assigned	<p>Sustainable development and greener economies are among the main goals supported by the work of the United Nations. To achieve these goals, the bio-based industry is gaining more importance and is developing quickly. The forest industry contributes in many ways to this development by providing renewable resources such as timber, wood fibres, energy, food and chemical agents, etc.</p> <p>The joint UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section, is providing a framework for leading the forest sector towards a global bio-based economy by proposing objectives, actions, and connecting with relevant stakeholders. There is a need to understand and analyse how wood is harvested from forests and then used, as well as how the market (i.e. demand and supply of wood fibres) is affected by the changes induced by the development of bio-based industries.</p> <p>One of the leading principles of the UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section is <i>“sound analysis based on sound data will enable sound policy decisions”</i>. The Carlo Schmid fellow can make a significant contribution by supporting the UNECE/FAO on the following areas of its work:</p> <p>Forest Sector Outlook</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide support to the Team of Specialists on Forest Sector Outlook Studies in the UNECE region • Analyse the current trends and potential future developments in wood use for energy and products. <p>Wood Energy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collect, validate, analyse and publish data on wood used for energy generation (Joint Wood Energy Enquiry); • Improve cross-sectoral cooperation with other international organisations in the field of renewable energy data (i.e. IEA, Eurostat, etc.). <p>Sustainable Forest Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute to the analysis, management and structure of the UNECE/FAO data on forest management, functions and services; • Support preparatory process for data collection on the pan-European indicators and the Global Forest Resources Assessment; • Measure progress made towards achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). <p>Forest products</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy input of forest policies; • Assist migration of the database to a new dissemination system. <p>The UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section hosts two meetings of its parent</p>

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	<p>bodies every year. The Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry is a high level intergovernmental meeting of member States usually taking place in October. The Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management focuses more on technical discussions of the policy-data interface and usually takes place at the end of March. The DAAD fellows often provide support in preparing these meetings. They can experience the practical interaction between countries and work of UNECE/FAO secretariat. They could learn how countries provide feedback on the work delivered by the secretariat and the tasks to be accomplished.</p> <p>While the UNCE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section encourages that DAAD fellows attend meetings and conferences at the duty station, participation to meetings held outside the duty station are subject to available resources.</p>
Training components and learning elements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates will develop a high level of individual responsibility and teamwork, they will receive the necessary support and guidance; • Exposure to international forestry, bioenergy, and climate change issues; • Develop knowledge of working procedures of international organizations; • Cooperation with other organizations such as the European Commission, FAO, etc.; • Collect, check, analyse data and management of significant amounts of data (Access, Excel)
Participation in missions or training courses	As is feasible and related to responsibilities. In the past DAAD fellows have participated in missions to cities in the UNECE region. Website training (typo3) may be possible.
Additional comments	<p>The Forestry and Timber Section implements the UNECE/FAO integrated programme of work (IPoW) on timber and forestry for the period 2013-2017. It covers many aspects of forestry, including policy, markets, climate change, resources, long-term outlooks and capacity building work. As of January 2018, the Forestry and Timber Section will start implementing a new IPoW. This new programme will be developed by member states in the course of 2017. It is not expected that the new IPoW will change dramatically from the existing one, but this may have an impact on the possible tasks indicated above.</p> <p>Geneva has a large and active intern community which organizes a number of events. Geneva also has a high concentration of international organizations, enabling interns to share information, and compare experiences and working practices.</p> <p>Previous CSP interns have been successful in using this experience for employment in international fields and two former incumbents are working in the team.</p>

Required Qualifications

Academic qualification (student, B.A., M.A.)	Should have a Diploma/Master but a Bachelor or Zwischenprüfung is also acceptable. It is not necessary to be currently enrolled in a university, although successful candidates must have been recently enrolled (within the past year).
Subjects	Economics, social sciences, biology, statistics, environmental sciences, forestry or another related field.
Language Skills	Good command of English. Ability to read, speak and/or write Russian and/or French would be an asset.
Computer literacy	Should be experienced in MS Office and data processing/dissemination, database management software and related (e.g. Access, SAS, or Visual Basic) would be a plus.
Internship-related experiences	None required, although ideally would be familiar with working in international environment.
Additional skills/requirements	Experience in organizing (international) meetings would be a plus.