The mission of the Green Climate Fund is to assist developing countries to respond to climate change while bringing prosperity to their peoples.

Established in 2010, the GCF invests in transformational climate projects in the developing world. The Fund makes an ambitious contribution to global climate action and channels significant financial resources into developing countries to help build low-emission and climate-resilient societies. It is country-driven and undertakes actions which reflect the circumstances of each country concerned and its national aspirations. The GCF is a key enabler of the 2015 Paris Agreement on Climate Change.

Since its establishment, the GCF has mobilized 10.3 billion USD, accredited 54 entities to channel its resources and approved 43 funding proposals. In addition, it has built up an extensive program to support developing countries identify their needs, in particular those who are most vulnerable to climate change impacts.

The GCF’s diverse workforce is advancing its mission from its headquarters in South Korea. Our talented staff make unique contributions to the Fund, enriching the institution through their combined expertise and professional commitment.

We are looking to expand our team with more highly skilled and adaptable people who are driven by our mandate, people who appreciate challenges and know how to deliver and thrive in a fast moving, dynamic environment.

**Position description**

The Environmental Specialist shall provide leadership in the Fund’s development, implementation, and update of the Fund’s policies and practices relevant to environmental and social safeguards. The role shall contribute to the due diligence work of the Fund related to environmental and social safeguards including the development of standards, procedures, guidance, and toolkits. The role shall also provide support the implementation of policies related to environmental and social management and contribute to the Fund’s efforts on knowledge management and capacity development.

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**GCF values diversity** and encourages applications from people of all backgrounds, regardless of age, race, gender, sexual orientation, citizenship, religion, disability, or similar other attributes.
Duties and responsibilities

- Support the Fund in the development, implementation, monitoring, reporting, and updating of the Fund’s environmental and social management system (ESMS) including the environmental and social safeguards (ESS) and environmental and social policy;
- Collaborate with colleagues in the development of operational procedures, processes, guidance, toolkits, and references for applying ESS standards, implementing ESMS and relevant policies;
- Support the Fund in the development of the Fund’s own ESS standards and providing leadership and guidance on environmental safeguards;
- Working with colleagues, undertake due diligence, monitoring and reporting on GCF-supported programmes, projects, and activities focusing on the compliance with ESS standards and relevant policies;
- Informing and assisting entities interested in accreditation to the Fund with matters related to ESS;
- Carrying out institutional assessment of accreditation applications in relation to ESS and contributing to the capacity building of implementing entities in ESS;
- Proactively advising and assisting entities interested in accreditation on the Fund’s ESS standards, especially those benefitting from support from the Fund’s accreditation;
- Participating in the Fund’s effort to develop the network of accredited entities;
- Participating in the compliance review of entities in accordance with the Fund’s ESS;
- Identify, collate, generate, and disseminate current knowledge, lessons, trends and development pertaining to environmental and social safeguards at the regional and global levels;
- Developing and fostering partnerships with stakeholders aimed to promote climate change approaches and strategies that take into consideration environmental and social safeguards; and
- Building synergies with the aim of strengthening capacities of the Fund and its stakeholders on the ESS standards within the context of climate change.

Expected experience and qualifications*

- Master’s degree in environmental sciences, environmental management, environmental economics and policies or other relevant fields;
- A minimum of 9 years of relevant international experience in the areas of environmental and social management system, environmental and social safeguards and policy development and implementation; development of guidance, references, and tools for applying ESMS and ESS safeguards; and
- Excellent written and oral communication skills in English are essential for this position; knowledge of another UN language an advantage.

*The person assessed by the Selection Panel as most suitable for the position will be proposed for appointment. The above criteria should be seen as indicators of the experience and skills that would qualify candidates for consideration. Selection among short-listed candidates will also take into account performance at interview, appropriate testing, and references.

Required competencies

- Teamwork
- Planning and organizing
- Communication
- Creativity
How to apply

Interested candidates are requested to send their CV and a letter of interest in a single PDF file to: recruitment@gcfund.org

File name: “[last name], [first name]” (e.g. Peterson, Anna)
Subject line: “Environmental Specialist”

Upon submission of your application, you will receive an automatic e-mail acknowledging receipt of your application. Should you not receive a response, however, please check your spam/clutter mail before resubmitting your application. Please also ensure to use the correct spelling for the subject line of your e-mail. Thank you.

Applications from women and nationals of developing countries are strongly encouraged.