



GCF Readiness Program- INTERNSHIP

Background

The South Centre is offering the opportunity for young professionals and/or graduate students, from Lebanon, to undertake a Climate Finance and Policy in Lebanon related internship.

The South Centre is an intergovernmental policy research think-tank composed of and accountable to the countries of the South. It conducts policy-oriented research on key policy development issues and supports developing countries to effectively participate in international negotiating processes that are relevant to the achievement of SDGs. The Centre promotes the unity of the South in international policy processes while recognizing the diversity of national interests and priorities. The South Centre is currently a delivery partner for the Green Climate Fund assisting in the implementation of the GCF Project for *Strengthening and enhancing Lebanon's institutional arrangements and capacity to enable and optimize access to the GCF*.

The South Centre is a small institution in which all staff, consultants and interns work as a team and help in whatever tasks they are requested and may be required to undertake. Colleagues are expected to help one another, for example during peak work loads, and to fill in for each other, for example, when staff are absent on leave.

Learning opportunities during the course of the internship

The intern will gain practical knowledge on climate finance and climate change policies in Lebanon, will be exposed to policy planning and decision-making instruments and processes, in addition to being able to produce strategic knowledge using academic and research knowledge.

Eligibility criteria and expected skills

Applicants must:

1. Excellent communication skills, especially English language writing and editing.
2. Studies in agriculture, environment, or related field.
3. Outstanding research skills.
4. Proficient in computer and web literacy.
5. Highly motivated and skilled in problem solving and strategic thinking.
6. Resourceful, flexible and able to work remotely and within deadlines.
7. High sense of responsibility and organization.

Applicants for this internship shall be a national of Lebanon.

Duration, time commitment, location and remuneration

Depending on the interest and availability of the intern, the internship shall be for 2 months. This may be extendable, depending on the requirement and performance, to a maximum of six months. This internship is a full-time internship (40 hours a week). Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, this is a home-based internship with weekly meetings at the Lebanese Ministry of Environment pending COVID measures. Except otherwise indicated to the intern in writing, all travel expenses will be the responsibility of the intern.

This is not a remunerated internship. There shall be no remuneration, allowance, subsidy, compensation or entitlement from the Centre to the Intern. The Intern may not participate in the South Centre Provident Fund and shall be personally responsible for compliance with such social security and tax laws as may be personally applicable based on nationality or legal residency status in Lebanon.

The Intern is under the strict obligation to take the necessary measures to safeguard themselves against the economic consequences of illness, accidents and disability throughout their entire stay at the South Centre. The Intern shall ensure that they have their own personal medical and accident insurance coverage, and such other personal insurance she might consider appropriate, and shall provide proof of medical or health insurance to the South Centre.

Responsibilities

Under the supervision of GCF readiness team in Lebanon, the intern will be required to perform the following tasks:

- Conduct desk research to gain knowledge on: the Green Climate Fund, Agriculture and Forestry NDC partnership plans, the Lebanese Green Investment Facility work initiated by the Ministry of Environment, Nature Based Solutions.
- Produce a policy brief on the concept of Nature Based Solutions:
- Review GCF's requirements for country programmes and project proposals through the different channels and instruments.
- In the agriculture and forestry NDC partnership sectoral plans, identify outputs, targets and activities that could be bundled into readiness projects.
- Research similar project ideas that have been approved by the GCF, both for readiness and LGIF, and extract best practices and recommendations as required by the project team, including but not limited to Nature Based Solutions projects through the different GCF channels (Sncf, readiness, private sector, etc.).
- Assist in any other task as required by the project team.

Selection Process

Preferable start date is as soon as possible. Applications may be submitted with an indication of the periods of availability. Candidates may submit a complete curriculum vitae and a motivation letter in English via e-mail to applications@southcentre.int. The subject line must be "Application for GCF Internship". Applications must be sent no later than CET 24.00 hrs. on **7 April 2021**. Copies of qualifications, previous employment certificates, previous work, etc. should not be sent with the application; these may be requested at a later stage. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted for an interview. The interview will be conducted using online platforms.