**Externally funded internship/FELLOWSHIP**

**TERMS oF reference**

**I. Identification of the post**

Title: Green Commodities Programme Intern

Sector of assignment: Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, Nature Hub

Organizational unit: Food and Agricultural Commodity Systems

Country and Duty Station: Panama City, Panama

Expected duration: 6-9 months

Expected starting date: 1 April 2025

Supervisor’s name: Leif Pedersen

Supervisor’s title: FACS Senior Commodities Advisor

**II. CORPORATE BACKGROUND:**

UNDP works in about 170 countries and territories, helping to eradicate poverty, reduce inequalities and exclusion, and build resilience so countries can sustain progress. As the UN’s development agency, UNDP plays a critical role in helping countries achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

**III. RECEIVING OFFICE BACKGROUND:**

UNDP Nature Hub is the arrowhead of UNDP’s commitment to a “Nature Pledge” that aims to put nature at the heart of sustainable development. UNDP’s Nature Pledge for 2030 focuses on three systemic shift areas: value shift, economic and finance shift and policy and practice shift; that are necessary to trigger accelerated and scaled action for achievement of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF).  A Global Value shift aims to change narratives and behaviours and place nature at the heart of development and across sectors, including governance, economics, finance, health, and conservation, to drive progress across the SDGs.  An Economic and Finance shift will help ensure that natural capital is valued alongside financial and human-made capital by decision-makers. A Policy and Practice shift aims to deliver change at scale on the ground, led by countries, grounded in local communities, and informed by Indigenous peoples' knowledge. This will build on a 3 billion portfolio of nature-related projects in 140 countries.

The Nature Hub comprises 10 pillars, namely (i) Ecosystems and Biodiversity; (ii) Integrated Landscape Management; (iii) Ocean and Water Governance; (iv) Biodiversity Finance; (v) Food and Agricultural Commodities Systems; (vii) Environmental Governance; (vii) Global Engagement and Advocacy; (iix) Nature for Development Programme; (iv) Nature Pledge Coordination; and (x) Management and Operation. The Hub has around 180 global and regional personnel, and additionally over 300 personnel in countries.

The Food and Agricultural Commodity Systems (FACS) team contributes to the Nature Pledge through supporting the transformation of food and agricultural commodity systems into resilient, equitable, inclusive, environmentally, socially and economically sustainable systems. With a global portfolio invested in projects related to Food and Agricultural Commodity Systems and spread over 137 countries, UNDP seeks to promote a new paradigm for food and agricultural commodity systems that is based on diversified, resilient, agroecological systems and value chains which work simultaneously on achieving economic, environmental, social and health outcomes, with smallholders central to the transformation as the engine of economic development.

The UNDP FACS Strategy focuses on 3 key areas:

1. Forest-Positive Agriculture

UNDP FACS seeks to eliminate deforestation and conversion from key food and agricultural commodities systems, while improving livelihoods and resilience for women, small producers, and indigenous people.

Corrective actions to address the impact of global food production and trade on forests and climate change is now evolving from deforestation-free supply chains to forest positive strategies, highlighting the opportunities of sustainable production while tackling potential bottlenecks in supply chains. FACS workstreams include:

* *Integrated supply chain approach:* promoting a systemic approach to sustainability that encompasses the entire commodity supply chain.
* *Multistakeholder collaboration processes for policy reforms:* Processes and tools to align stakeholders directly in producing countries with differing interests, power, and voices within a shared vision.
* *Connecting scales from global to national and subnational:* UNDP works to strengthen at national level the connection between national commitments to global conventions, specifically linking national food systems policies through NDCs and National Biodiversity Strategies Action Plans (NBSAPs).

1. Sustainable Production Landscapes

Supporting multi-stakeholder dialogue and effective collaborative action among stakeholders to transform the way food and agricultural commodities are grown and traded.

* *Jurisdictional Approaches:* Catalysing the transformation across jurisdictional levels
* *Land use planning:* Protecting forests through inclusive land planning processes
* *Strengthening farmer support systems*: Supporting the transition towards sustainable agricultural production applying the UNDP Farmers Support Systems Toolkit
* *Understanding causality in landscapes* through the utilizationof Causality Assessment for Landscape Interventions (CALI) methodology, providing an integrated, systems-informed approach for project teams and partners to continuously reflect on the validity of their Theory of Change.

1. Food Systems Transformation

A holistic approach to food systems transformation and resilience, addressing structural and systemic factors that will strengthen food systems for future crises. FACS work focuses on:

* *Food systems governance:* Policy design needs to put a systems approach at its core, with governance arrangements adjusted within and across countries and stakeholders. A systems approach requires strengthening cross-sectoral, multi-stakeholder governance and collaboration processes that connect food systems transformation with multidimensional analysis, planning, budgeting, implementation and learning
* *Policy coherence for food systems transformation*: Engaging the whole of government to boost impact on the ground aligning public policies to drive transformational change.
* *Food systems resilience:* strengthen food systems making them sustainable, inclusive and equitable, healthy, and resilient.

One of the main projects of FACS is the Green Commodities Programme (GCP), Since 2010 GCP has been pivotal in instigating transformative changes in the sustainability of agricultural production, with a focus on societal, economic, and environmental impact. Building upon the success of the two precedent phases, the renewed partnership between UNDP and SECO aims to further enhance sustainable agricultural commodity production in five countries: Peru, Indonesia, Malaysia, Ghana, and Brazil.

A systemic approach to tackle complex challenges in 5 countries

Bringing about transformative change in sustainable production landscapes increasingly requires a systems approach. This requires engaging national and local governments, as well as private sector players weaved together with the global reach of each commodity sector are needed to provide a context for transformation. Responding to the 2021 Glasgow World Leaders Declaration on Forests and Land Use, aiming to end deforestation by 2030, GCP Phase III incorporates multi-stakeholder collaboration to enhance the national, social, and environmental performance of agricultural commodity sectors.

Phase III focuses on Indonesia, Peru, Brazil

Ghana, and Malaysia, addressing complex issues in their agricultural commodity systems

**III. DUTIES:**

Under the supervision of the FACS Senior Commodities Advisor, the Fellow will support the team in the implementation of the Green Commodities Programme.

The Fellow will assist in the following duties and responsibilities:

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| **No** | **Duties and responsibilities** | **% of time** |
| 1 | **Project Management**   * Support Monitoring and tracking of Programme Global Deliverables * Update FACS Initiatives Dashboard with Project Updates * Support the design of the GCP Global Learning Event * Support with the preparation of the project Steering Committee meetings * Support on partnerships and resource mobilization * Support with the drafting of donor reports | **40%** |
| 2 | **Coordination and Country Support**   * Coordinate Project Management Unit Calls and Meetings * Arrange and coordinate Country Coordinators Calls * Support countries on monitoring and evaluation tasks, including data collection and analysis * Support with the implementation of monitoring mechanisms at global level | **30%** |
| 3 | **Knowledge sharing and Communications**   * Support maintaining updated GCP Group updated in the Digital Platform * Support the development of internal and external Communications Products | **20%** |
| 4 | **Other:**   * Support other/ad hoc activities that contribute to the effective implementation of the programme | **10%** |

**IV. REQUIREMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS**

**Education:**

Candidates must meet one of the following educational requirements:

* currently in the final year of a Bachelor’s degree; or
* currently enrolled in a postgraduate programme (such as a Master’s programme or higher); or
* have graduated no longer than 1 year ago from a university degree or equivalent studies.

Field of study: economics, international development, environmental science, agriculture, food systems, or related fields or equivalent.

**Experience:**

* Experience on project management (research, planning, monitoring and evaluation)

**IT skills:**

* Knowledge and a proficient user of Microsoft Office productivity tools;

**Language skills:**

* English is required;
* Knowledge of Spanish is an advantage.

**Other competencies and attitude:**

* Interest and motivation in working in an international organization;
* Interest and motivation in partnerships and resource mobilization;
* Good analytical skills in gathering and consolidating data and research for practical implementation, including data visualization;
* Outgoing and initiative-taking person with a goal-oriented mind-set;
* Communicates effectively when working in teams and independently;
* Good in organizing and structuring various tasks and responsibilities;
* Displays cultural, gender, religion, race, nationality and age sensitivity and adaptability;
* Responds positively to feedback and differing points of view;
* Consistently approaches work with energy and a positive, constructive attitude.