

February 2025

Title: Environment and Climate Change Intern

Bureau/Dept/Unit: GS/ SPD / Environmental Sustainability Team

Supervision: Robin Zuercher / Programme Officer

Duration: 6 to 11 months maximum

Location: ITU Headquarter – Geneva, Switzerland

ITU is the United Nations specialized agency for information and communication technologies – ICTs.

We allocate global radio spectrum and satellite orbits, develop the technical standards that ensure networks and technologies seamlessly interconnect, and strive to improve access to ICTs to underserved communities worldwide.

ITU is committed to connecting all the world's people – wherever they live and whatever their means. Through our work, we protect and support everyone's fundamental right to communicate.

Today, ICTs underpin everything we do. They help manage and control emergency services, water supplies, power networks and food distribution chains. They support health care, education, government services, financial markets, transportation systems, e-commerce platforms and environmental management. And they allow people to communicate with colleagues, friends and family anytime, and almost anywhere.

With the help of our global membership, ITU brings the benefits of modern communication technologies to people everywhere in an efficient, safe, easy and affordable manner.

ITU membership reads like a Who's Who of the ICT sector. We're unique among UN agencies in having both public and private sector membership. So in addition to our 193 Member States, ITU membership includes ICT regulators, many leading academic institutions and some 700 tech companies.

In an increasingly interconnected world, ITU is the single global organization embracing all players in this dynamic and fast-growing sector.

1. **Organizational Unit**:

General Secretariat / Strategic Planning and Membership Department

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| 1. **Organizational context:**   Within the General Secretariat, the Strategic Planning and Membership Department (SPM) advises the Secretary-General on strategic challenges and their implications for the Union in the fast evolving telecommunications/ICT environment; develops forward-looking strategic proposals to the ITU management team with a view to ensuring that the organization meets the objectives assigned by the membership; and plans and coordinates the corporative and strategic activities with a view to ensuring their accordance with membership objectives. |

## **Terms of Reference / Internship Objective:**

Within the Strategy and Planning Division (SPD) under the direct supervision of the Programme Officer, the intern will be involved in ITU’s preparations and follow up of the 2025 UN Climate Change Conference (COP30). Activities will include:

* Supporting the Green Digital Action initiative at COP30.
* Providing administrative support for the team ahead of COP30.
* Organizing meetings and events related to COP30 preparations.
* Researching and drafting blog posts to highlight ITU’s role in digital climate action.

1. **Competencies**

**Technical Competencies**

Excellent research and writing skills, good time management, demonstrated understanding of the intersection of digital technologies, sustainability, and climate change.

1. **Qualifications required**
2. **Education**:

Studies in environment, sustainability, international relations, or information technology.

1. **Work experience**:

No work experience is required.

1. **Languages:**  
   Fluent English (required), intermediate Portuguese (preferred).
2. **Training and Learning Elements:**

The intern will acquire excellent knowledge and experience of:

* Role of digital technologies in environmental sustainability.
* Role of international technical standards in environmental sustainability.
* Role of ICT industry in environmental sustainability.
* Role of international organizations and UN system in environmental sustainability.

1. **Additional information**

None.