

Vacancy Announcement

Secretariat of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)

County Engagement and Partnerships (CEP) Division

Title and Grade:	Intern, Partnerships
Duration of Appointment:	6 Months
Duty Station:	Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
Date for Entry on Duty:	As soon as possible

Background

The International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) is an inter-governmental organisation mandated with the widespread and increased adoption and sustainable use of all forms of renewable energy. At present, IRENA has 170 Members (169 States and the European Union) that acceded to its Statute, and 14 additional States in the process of accession and actively engaged. IRENA supports countries in their transition to a sustainable energy future and serves as the principal platform for international cooperation, a centre of excellence, and a repository of policy, technology, resource and financial knowledge on renewable energy. The Agency implements its mandate with the view to sustainable development, increased energy security and low-carbon economic growth and prosperity.

The Country Engagement and Partnerships Division (CEP) leads the work with the IRENA member countries. It offers the main interface between the Agency and the regions and countries in the identification of priority areas for IRENA's technical support as well as in design, development and implementation of activities tailored to specific needs and priorities identified. This requires a systematic overview of country and regional needs, experiences and trends to help facilitate cross-fertilization of best practices between countries and regions, which also helps shape IRENA's future programmatic priorities.

Furthermore, CEP pursues strategic, result-oriented partnerships with various national, regional and global organisations and development partners that are active in the energy transition and climate action space to achieve long-term impact in its work on the ground through leveraging efforts and resources, maximizing synergies and complementarities, and avoiding possible duplication. Among others, CEP coordinates and facilitates the implementation of a number of multi-stakeholder partnership platforms in coordination with other IRENA Divisions, including, the SIDS Lighthouses Initiative (LHI), the Utilities for Net Zero Alliance (UNEZA) and the Alliance for Industry Decarbonization (AFID) which aims to decarbonize industrial value chains and accelerate net-zero ambitions in accordance with the Paris Agreement and the Global Geothermal Alliance (GGA) which serves as a global platform for improved dialogue, cooperation and coordinated action between

geothermal industry, policy makers and geothermal stakeholders, where IRENA acts as the coordinator and facilitator of the initiative. CEP leads the Collaborative Framework (CF) on “Enhancing Dialogue on High Shares of Renewables in Energy Systems” that serves as a common forum to exchange national experiences and promote technical cooperation among countries and key relevant actors.

Objectives of the Internship Assignment

The internship post is in the Country Engagement and Partnerships (CEP) Division within the Partnerships Unit. The selected candidate will support the coordination and implementation of the multi-stakeholder partnership initiatives supported and/or facilitated by IRENA such as the SIDS Lighthouses Initiative, Global Geothermal Alliance, Utilities for Net Zero Alliance, and the Alliance for Industry Decarbonization, amongst others.

Particular Functions¹

Under the guidance and supervision of the Head, Partnerships, the Intern, Partnerships, will carry out the following duties:

- Support the development of strategic, result-oriented bilateral and multilateral partnerships with international, regional, national and local institutions sharing a common vision of promoting an accelerated deployment of renewable energy across regions.
- Support other outreach activities to promote awareness by key stakeholders on the activities and impacts of IRENA’s partnership work.
- Support the organisation of, and follow-up on, high-level and technical meetings, capacity building programme and knowledge sharing events and forums, ensuring effective participation of key stakeholders, experts and partners.
- Conduct research on trends, key topics, and emerging issues, and assist with the preparation of reports and support the research and development of knowledge products in the context of the implementation of the partnership initiatives.
- Perform other duties, as required.

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Learning Areas

During the internship period, the successful applicant will develop an understanding of multi-stakeholder partnership initiatives supported and/or facilitated by IRENA such as the SIDS Lighthouses Initiative, Global Geothermal Alliance, Utilities for Net Zero Alliance, and the Alliance for Industry Decarbonization, amongst others

Timeframe

The internship is for a period of 6 months commencing as agreed with the intern/sponsor. The exact period will be determined based on the availability of the intern and the needs of the Division.

Minimum Requirements

- Candidates shall have just completed their undergraduate studies or be enrolled in a Master's programme at a recognised university at the time of application. Recent graduates may also be considered provided the start date of the internship is less than six months since their graduation.
- Preference would be given to the candidates with qualification in renewable energy, climate change, energy policy or law, project finance, engineering, economics, energy data and statistics, sustainable development, international relations, or related field.
- The candidate should be aware of and understand energy transition, climate change, renewable energy and energy efficiency and the importance of partnerships in countries' energy transition efforts.
- The candidate should possess experience of drafting, preparing and reviewing of various documents and coordinating with different types of stakeholders.
- Experience planning and organising events as well as data analysis and management is desirable.
- The candidate should have a good command of MS Office.
- The candidate must be able to work in a multi-cultural and multi-disciplinary environment.
- The candidate should be able to work under tight deadlines, and to demonstrate an ability to prioritise work and work independently.
- Excellent command of both written and spoken English is essential.
- Candidates should indicate in their cover letter the period of their availability.

Internship Conditions

IRENA interns are not considered to be staff members. The selected intern will work on a full-time basis (35 hours per week) as per the working hours of IRENA premises in Abu Dhabi, UAE.

Application Procedure

IRENA wishes to encourage applications from female candidates.

Please note that only candidates under serious consideration will be contacted for an interview and will receive notice of the outcome of the selection process.