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VACANCY NOTICE

JOB TITLE	Project Consultant for the Ecumenical Water Network (EWN)
STARTING DATE	1 October 2012
DURATION	2 years contract
POSITION AT (%)	100%
REPORTS TO	Associate General Secretary Public Witness and Diakonia
LOCATION	Geneva, Switzerland
WORKS CLOSELY WITH	Internal: Eco-Justice and Diakonia team of the World Council of Churches in Geneva External: Participant organizations of the network (WCC member churches, national and regional ecumenical organizations, specialized ministries, and others), EWN International Reference Group, and other faith-based and secular partners
OBJECTIVE	To coordinate the Ecumenical Water Network (EWN) with a view to enabling and supporting WCC member churches and the wider global Christian community to engage in reflection, dialogue and action for the promotion of the human right to water and sanitation and a just and sustainable use of water.

Background

The World Council of Churches (WCC) is a worldwide fellowship of 349 churches seeking unity, a common witness and Christian service. Building on a long tradition of addressing the links between justice, peace and integrity of Creation, the WCC's eco-justice team works to enable churches and their partners to promote human dignity and life in fullness through the just and sustainable sharing of earth resources.

To support this work, WCC is seeking to appoint a dedicated and talented networker and communicator as coordinator of its Ecumenical Water Network (EWN). Based on the understanding that water is a gift of God for all Creation and a fundamental human right, the EWN brings together churches and Christian organizations from all over the world to promote

universal access to water and sanitation, and the sustainable use and responsible management of water, so that all may live their lives with dignity and with respect for the integrity of creation.

The primary responsibility of the project executive is to coordinate the Ecumenical Water Network, ensuring communication and facilitating and contributing to the joint development and implementation of activities that promote the objectives of the network. He or she works as part of the WCC's eco-justice team and in close collaboration with the participant organizations, partners of the network and the EWN International Reference Group. The project executive reports to the Associate General Secretary for Public Witness and Diakonia.

Specific responsibilities:

1. Maintain regular contact with EWN participants and partners and facilitate the flow of relevant information between WCC, the International Reference Group, and the participants and partners of EWN.
2. Facilitate and contribute to the development and implementation of annual workplans, EWN initiatives, and future strategies for the network, taking into account the existing EWN Strategic Framework and Action Plan and working in close collaboration with the International Reference Group as well as other participants and partners of the network and WCC colleagues.
3. Facilitate and support the engagement of WCC member churches and EWN participants and partners in local, national, continental and global activities and processes that are relevant to the promotion of the human right to water and sanitation and a just and sustainable use of water.
4. Facilitate and engage in outreach to churches and church-related organizations who share the vision and objectives of EWN and the development of strategic partnerships with other faith-based and secular organizations.
5. Facilitate the functioning of the EWN International Reference Group and participate in the group as an ex officio member
6. Compile and process relevant information on water, including information on inspiring and effective initiatives and practices, updates on international developments, and opportunities for advocacy and other activities, and make this information available to the participants and partners of the network as well as WCC member churches and the wider global Christian community.
7. Coordinate and contribute in the production of online and print resources on water for use by WCC member churches and the wider global Christian community and ensure their appropriate dissemination.
8. Write and edit articles, features and press releases about the work of the network and its participants. Publish the quarterly EWN electronic newsletter
9. Regularly update the content of the EWN website and make use of social media
10. Represent the network and WCC in ecumenical and church-related events as well as at meetings of the UN, with government and diplomatic representatives, with secular organizations and specialized institutes in the field of international water issues.
11. Organize meetings and workshops
12. Manage the budget and plan, monitor, evaluate and report on activities in accordance with WCC policies and practices
13. Administrative office work

Core Competency:

Interested candidates must have excellent communication and interpersonal skills as well as networking and project management experience. They must be able to demonstrate a passion for, and understanding of, environmental and development issues and in which ways these are being addressed by the churches and the ecumenical movement.

Qualifications and Special Requirements:

1. University degree or equivalent in related field desired.
2. Minimum three years of experience of working on related issues in an ecumenical and/or church-related environment. Experience in water or eco-justice related campaigning or advocacy an asset.
3. Demonstrated ability to establish effective working relations in a multicultural working environment. Experience in international work desired.
4. Excellent command of written and spoken English. Knowledge of Spanish desired. Knowledge of other WCC working languages (French, German, Russian) an asset.
5. Proficiency with information technology: Word, Excel, PowerPoint. Familiarity with managing website content, use of social media, social networks and on-line communication (Facebook, Flickr, Twitter, etc.) an added advantage.

Deadline for applications: 31 August 2012