

**VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT  
(Temporary Appointment)**



<b>VA No.</b>	<b>08-011-SD-TEMP-BANGKOK</b>
<b>Closing date:</b>	<b>20 August 2008</b>
<b>Post Title and Level:</b>	<b>Statistician, P-4</b>
<b>IMIS Post Number:</b>	<b>350182</b>
<b>Organizational Unit:</b>	<b>Statistics Development Section Statistics Division, ESCAP</b>
<b>Duty station:</b>	<b>Bangkok, Thailand</b>
<b>Type of Appointment:</b>	<b>Fixed-term appointment or temporary assignment</b>
<b>Duration:</b>	<b>Starts as soon as possible, up to six months with possibility of extension subject to satisfactory performance, availability of fund, and need of the Organisation</b>
<b>Remuneration:</b>	<b>A minimum of US\$ 5,254.33 net per month, depending on the qualifications and whether recruited locally or outside of Thailand</b>

**Duties and responsibilities:**

Under the supervision of the Chief of the Statistics Division and within delegated authority, the incumbent carries out the following duties:

1. Conduct analytical and methodological studies to assist member countries in assessing progress towards internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, and disparities between and within countries in this regard;
2. Conduct analytical and methodological studies on the relationship between policies, resources and development outcomes;
3. Contribute to the preparation of the analytical content of inter-Divisional publications, reports and studies, in close collaboration with colleagues of other substantive Divisions;
4. Analyze gaps and discrepancies in data intended to measure progress towards internationally agreed development goals, and contribute to the identification of appropriate statistical capacity-building initiatives;
5. Conduct technical advisory activities to assist member countries in strengthening their statistical capacity to analyze development indicators;
6. Actively participate in substantive servicing of the Committee on Statistics and in follow-up activities emanating from their recommendations and decisions; liaise closely with staff in other sub-programmes with a view to strengthening the statistical and quantitative analyses in these areas;
7. Contribute to integrating inclusive and sustainable development and a gender perspective in programme activities; perform other related functions as necessary.

**Competencies:**

**PROFESSIONALISM** – In-depth understanding of the UN development agenda with ability to undertake high quality statistical analysis and independent research in socio-economic policy issues, as demonstrated in primary authorship of analytical reports, policy documents and publications. Very good knowledge of statistical and econometric methods. Sound technical expertise in applying statistical software tools. Efficiency in meeting commitments, observing deadlines and achieving results.

**TEAMWORK** – Works collaboratively with colleagues to achieve organizational goals; solicits input by genuinely valuing others' ideas and expertise. Ability to establish and maintain effective working relations with people of diverse national and cultural backgrounds and to respect their diversity.

**PLANNING AND ORGANIZING** – Ability to establish priorities and plan own work, taking into account the day-to-day and seasonal exigencies of the work programme of the Division. Ability to coordinate and monitor work plans.

**COMMITMENT TO CONTINUOUS LEARNING** – Commitment to keeping abreast of new developments in the statistical analysis of social, economic and environmental issues.

**TECHNOLOGICAL AWARENESS** – Solid computer skills and their application to statistical analysis, including proficiency in statistical software packages.

**COMMUNICATION** – Excellent drafting ability, particularly in preparing analytical reports, policy documents and publications. Effective communication skills, both oral and written. Demonstrated ability to develop and maintain effective working relations with counterparts and senior officials in related functional areas.

**Qualifications:**

Education: Advanced university degree in statistics, mathematics, economics, sociology or related field.

Experience: A minimum of seven years of experience in using statistical data for policy analysis, especially with regard to social, economic and environmental issues. A proven record of analytical research and statistical analysis in measuring progress towards the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) is an advantage. Experience in the preparation and dissemination of major reports and documents in the context of an international organization is an advantage.

Language: Fluency in spoken and written English is essential. Knowledge of other official UN languages is an advantage.

Other Skills: Proven strong analytical and drafting skills as well as proficiency in econometric tools and statistical software are required. Knowledge of development challenges of countries in the Asia-Pacific region is an advantage.

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**Qualified women are encouraged to apply.**

**The Secretary-General reserves the right to appoint staff at one level below the advertised level of the post.**

Applicants are requested to complete a United Nations Personal History Form (P.11), available at the UNESCAP internet website: <<http://www.unescap.org/jobs/>>. All applications must be submitted preferably to the following e-mail address: [escap-application@un.org](mailto:escap-application@un.org), quoting the VA No. and the functional title of the post, or to Chief, Human Resources Management Section, Administrative Services Division, UNESCAP, United Nations Building, Rajadamnern Nok Avenue, Bangkok 10200, Thailand, otherwise by Fax: (66 2) 288 1045.

**Please refer to both the vacancy announcement number and the functional title in any correspondence.**

**Please note that applications received after the deadline will not be accepted.**

Due to the volume of applications, only candidates under positive consideration will be contacted for telephone interviews.

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