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## Job Advertisement

- Global Carbon Project, International Project Office, Executive Director  
6-7 Million Yen (US\$ 75,000- 85,000) per year (before tax)

The Global Carbon Project (GCP) is seeking to appoint a highly motivated and independent person as Executive Director of International Project Office (IPO) in Tsukuba, Japan, located at the Center for Global Environmental Research of the National Institute for Environmental Studies (NIES). The successful candidate will work with the GCP Science Steering Committee (SSC), and other GCP offices to implement the science framework of the GCP, particularly in the area of urban carbon management.

We are seeking a person with excellent working knowledge of the policy-relevant scientific objectives of the GCP and a keen interest in devising methods to integrate social and policy sciences into the understanding of the carbon-climate system as a coupled human/natural system. The Tsukuba IPO is especially focused on fostering and coordinating research related integrating the human and natural dimensions of the global carbon cycle and global/regional/urban carbon management.

**We especially welcome applicants with expertise, demonstrated international leadership, and desire to work at the intersection between urban carbon management, development policy, water and energy sustainability, regional and global assessments on urban carbon emission, and ways to include cities as major actors.** Increasing attention is being paid to the roles of cities in both climate change mitigation and adaptation. The GCP's Science Framework and research to date has positioned it to become a leader in these areas.

(<http://www.globalcarbonproject.org/science/>)

Post-graduate qualifications (preferably a Ph.D.) are essential. The appointee will have demonstrated high organizational, communication and interpersonal skills; experience in a research field with demonstrated ability to undertake and lead international research coordination and write their findings in professional journals.

This appointment is for **3 years**, with the possibility of extension subject to funding, past performance, and evaluation by GCP and its local hosts. The successful candidate will be invited to commence the job as early as possible in 2013.

**Closing date for applications: 19<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2012, Japan time**

Please send your application by email, including descriptions of skills, qualifications and work achievements, and contact details of three referees, to Ms. Yukako Ojima ([ojima.yukako@nies.go.jp](mailto:ojima.yukako@nies.go.jp)).

Further information on the position and the GCP is available from Pep Canadell ([pep.canadell@csiro.au](mailto:pep.canadell@csiro.au)), or local host Yoshiki Yamagata ([yamagata@nies.go.jp](mailto:yamagata@nies.go.jp)). Other useful information on Tsukuba and the host Institution can be viewed at:

NIES: <http://www.nies.go.jp/index.html>; Housing: <http://www.jsthouse.com>; and Tsukuba city: <http://www.tsukubainfo.jp>

## **Duty Statement**

The GCP-Tsukuba office Director position will be hosted within the International Project Office in NIES, with responsibility for the office, international coordination on the planning and execution of research projects related to the Urban and Regional Carbon Management (URCM) research of GCP.

[\(http://www.gcp-urcm.org/\)](http://www.gcp-urcm.org/)

Working under the broad direction of the Scientific Steering Committee of the GCP, duties include the following:

- Develop and implement research and syntheses projects to advance the URCM research by organizing workshops etc.
- Write scientific and policy relevant papers with the results from the research/synthesis activities.
- Attend some administrative duties for the GCP Project Office such as SSC meetings etc.
- Work in close collaboration and coordination with the various GCP offices and programs of the Earth System Science Partnership (now evolving into the new Earth Futures).
- Report progress annually to the SSC meeting and NIES.

**The position is also expected to work in close collaboration with the researchers from the local host institutions and other Japanese institutions and universities.**

## **Selection Criteria**

### Essential

- Postgraduate qualifications (preferably a Ph.D. or equivalent) in urban study related fields; planning, engineering, geography, economics, ecology, geography etc., together with relevant experience or an equivalent combination of experience and education/training.
- Education or working experience that bridges social and natural sciences (e.g., integrated assessment modeling; science-policy interactions; institutional dimensions; environmental economics; urban scientists focusing on biophysical aspects are also welcome).
- Good organizational, communication and interpersonal skills.
- Experience in writing papers for professional communities, including peer review journal papers.
- Strong interest in and excellent working knowledge of the main scientific issues of the GCP.
- A sound working knowledge of the English language.
- Flexibility and willingness to undertake overseas travels, organizing workshops, writing research proposals.
- Demonstrated ability to communicate effectively with groups of scientists of diverse disciplinary, national and cultural backgrounds.