

## Foreign Service Limited Position Opportunity - Environment Officer (Climate Security Advisor) - FSL-0028-02

- **Agency:** U.S. Agency for International Development
- **Organization:** Bureau for Asia
- **Location of Position:** Washington, D.C.
- **Open Period:** 04/12/2022-05/04/2022
- **Appointment Type:** This is an excepted service, time-limited appointment that is not to exceed five years
- **Salary:** (USD) [Foreign Service Pay Table](#), Washington, DC Locality
- **Number of Vacancies:** 1

**Description of Organization:** The Asia Bureau's Office of Technical Services (Asia/TS) within the United States Agency for International Development's (USAID) provides technical and analytical support to Asia and mission leadership teams and to intra- and inter-agency partners on strategy formulation and execution in support of the Administration's foreign policy priorities. To advance these priorities, Asia/TS designs, procures, and manages regional and transboundary activities that bolster field-based programming. Asia/TS's five technical divisions provide analytical support to field and Washington based clients in key areas, such as political and economic stability, climate change and natural resource management, agriculture, health, education, democracy and governance, economic growth, energy and infrastructure. Asia/TS provides technical direction on the Bureau's interactions with the National Security Council and the interagency. Asia/TS's technical thought-leadership shapes creative and innovative solutions that respond to emerging challenges and opportunities throughout the Asia region.

**Description of Position:** This position will be based in USAID's Bureau for Asia in the Technical Service's Office (Asia/TS) and specifically the Environmental Security and Resilience (ESR) Division which addresses a range of environmental issues, including global climate change mitigation, adaptation and resilience; forestry; clean energy; natural resources management; and biodiversity, including wildlife conservation. The Climate Security Advisor will backstop the ESR Division Chief and other advisors on various issues within the environment portfolio with a focus on climate security issues ranging from sound natural resources management including water security to working towards systemic change that supports countries' net zero goals.

The Climate Security Advisor provides the Asia Bureau and USAID Missions in Asia with technical leadership and assistance in the design, management, and evaluation of climate programs; strategic planning and program management; and coordination with other units of USAID and other agencies. The Climate Security Advisor produces and disseminates reports and outreach materials on ESR activities. The Advisor will work towards the integration of climate security across other development sectors as a means of ensuring resilience across the development portfolio.

- Provides technical input to Office, Bureau and Mission staff on a variety of development assistance program/project issues in the climate sector with a particular

focus on natural resources. Represents Bureau interests on matters related to the climate sector at Bureau, intra-agency, and external forums, including at conferences, seminars, etc.

- Works with partner countries, through Bureau Missions, regarding specific interests in climate-related programs, assists countries to evolve strategies appropriate to their individual circumstances, and coordinates and works jointly with other USG agencies and with bilateral and multilateral donors involved with sectoral activities.
- Assists in developing plans and programs for technical assistance, capacity building, and other activities in sectors based on partner country requests, perceived needs, U.S. policy, and Agency priorities; and recommends human and financial resources needed to meet program/project objectives. Ensures sound implementation of the USAID Climate Strategy, including support for climate action involving critical populations.
- Supports project management for Bureau-funded and managed activities for climate and environment sector programs and projects. Works closely with Mission counterparts and appropriate host-country officials. Prepares planning, authorization, and implementation documents and monitors their timely clearance and execution. Participates in the development of scopes of work, budgets, and justification memorandum for funding and award of grants, contracts, and other agreements.
- Assists in overseeing implementation of grants, contracts, and inter-agency agreements to ensure acceptable quality and conformance to agreed requirements.
- Assists in the evaluation of development assistance projects during or following project completion, to ascertain programmatic and cost effectiveness, including implications for future funding.

**Qualifications:**

- Must be a U.S. citizen.
- You must have one year of specialized experience equivalent to the next lower grade level, the FS-03 or GS-13 grade level of this position. Examples of specialized experience include one or more of the following: *a) designing natural resources management or climate programs related to forestry and land use and/or climate adaptation and resilience; b) supporting leadership in the administration, review and design of climate-related programs; and c) providing expert technical advice to U.S. Government negotiations, meetings or other processes.*
- Possess strong analytical and team skills related to the technical fields of climate change and/or natural resources management.
- Must be eligible to obtain and maintain a Top Secret security clearance.

**Interested candidates should submit a:**

- Resume/CV
- A short written statement of interest

Please submit your application package to [mmelnyk@usaid.gov](mailto:mmelnyk@usaid.gov) - Please use the subject line “FSL APPLICATION PACKAGE: **Environment Officer (Climate Security)**, FSL-02, Asia/TS.” **Application submissions are required by May 4, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. (EST). Packages not submitted by the deadline with the specified subject line—or incomplete packages—will not receive consideration.**

This notice may be used to fill additional vacancies, as the workforce needs of the Bureau may change.

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Any questions concerning this notice may be directed to:

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