

UNEP FINANCE INITIATIVE / PRI – SENIOR CONSULTANT CHINA

Role: Investor Duties Consultant in China / Fiduciary Duty in the 21st Century Programme.

Location: Beijing.

Duration: 2 days a week, until 31 December 2018.

Start date: ASAP

The type of contract is self-employed consultant and not subject to UN employee benefits.

Closing date for applications: 2 July 2018

PRI and UNEP FI are looking for an experienced consultant with at least 5 years' professional experience to support our flagship fiduciary duty programme in China.

In 2015, PRI and UNEP FI published *Fiduciary Duty in the 21st Century*. The report argued that failing to consider ESG issues in investment practice is a failure of fiduciary duty. Following the publication of the report, PRI, UNEP FI and The Generation Foundation launched a three year work programme to implement the report's recommendations. The project team has extended the analysis of *Fiduciary Duty in the 21st Century* to six Asian markets, published a statement supported by the French finance ministry and over 120 investors, and prepared and published country roadmaps so far across 9 markets. The roadmaps recommend policy and investor action in asset owner disclosure requirements, investor stewardship, corporate disclosure requirements, and ESG capacity, knowledge and resourcing through the investment chain. Further details of the programme can be found at www.fiduciaryduty21.org.

The successful candidate will join a 5-person team of experienced investment and legal professionals covering 11 countries, with a focus on Brazil, China, EU, Japan and US, and will work alongside PRI and UNEP FI's representatives in China.

Key competencies:

- At least 5 years' professional experience.
- Graduate degree (or equivalent)
- Track record of managing projects with international stakeholders
- Research and drafting reports track record
- Ability to work with investment professionals at C-suite level
- Knowledge of responsible investment, international policy and regulatory frameworks (see <https://www.unpri.org/about/pri-teams/policy/responsible-investment-regulation>)
- Work experience with China's financial regulator is a plus
- Motivated self-starter who enjoys working in a collaborative and international environment
- Strong interpersonal skills and strong team player
- Fluency in English and Chinese.

Responsibilities

The central responsibility of the project consultant is to support the implementation of the recommendations of the report on Investor Duties and ESG Integration in China. These include:

- Provide support to AMAC on research on sustainable investment guidelines
- Organise a workshop for asset owners and pension funds on ESG integration in investment practice
- Establish a dialogue on sustainable investment with key government agencies involved in asset owner and pension funds oversight
- Support as required the work of the CSRC on an environmental reporting framework
- Promote investor education tools on sustainable investment and ESG integration, including training tools and supervising the translation of existing reports
- Ensure collaboration with the Green Finance Committee
- Support activities within UNEP FI and PRI as well as with external partner organizations, including attending industry events

If you think you can add value to the Team please email your cover letter and CV to: margarita.pirovska@unpri.org. Closing date for all applications: July 2, 2018.

About the PRI

The Principles for Responsible Investment is an investor initiative in partnership with UNEP Finance Initiative and the UN Global Compact. Launched by former UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan, the PRI is a set of voluntary best practice principles to assist investors in integrating environmental, social and corporate governance issues into investment processes and ownership practices. The principles are supported by an Executive that promotes the PRI and provides implementation support to signatories. See www.unpri.org.

About the UNEP Finance Initiative

Founded in 1992 in the context of the Earth Summit in Rio, and based in Geneva, Switzerland, the United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative (UNEP FI) was established as a platform associating the United Nations and the financial sector globally. The need for this unique United Nations partnership arose from the growing recognition of the links between finance and Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) challenges, and the role financial institutions could play for a more sustainable world. See www.unepfi.org.