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**CDE
CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT
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VACANCY

The Centre for Development and Environment (CDE) is an interdisciplinary research centre of the University of Bern. Its overarching goal is to produce and share knowledge for sustainable development in cooperation with partners in the global North and South. CDE conducts research to develop innovative concepts and solutions for the sustainable governance of resources. One of CDE's central concerns is to foster dialogue between science and society while contributing to global debates on sustainability and development.

CDE is part of the consortium conducting the research project "Curbing Illicit Financial Flows from Resource-Rich Developing Countries: Improving Natural Resource Governance to Finance the SDGs". The project starts on 1 September 2017 and is funded by the Swiss Programme for Research on Global Issues for Development (r4d programme), a joint initiative of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF). For more information about the project, see:

<http://graduateinstitute.ch/home/research/centresandprogrammes/ccdp/ccdp-research/research-projects/curbing-illicit-financial-flows.html>

CDE is in charge of the project's Work Package 2, entitled "Legal and regulatory analysis". The aim is to understand the impact of tax, investment, and trade laws and related policies in preventing illicit financial flows; to identify potential gaps at international and national levels; and to find innovative options for addressing these gaps by also making reference to "non-economic" legal regimes.

In this context, CDE is seeking a

Senior Research Scientist/Postdoctoral Researcher (50–60%)

DUTIES

- Conduct desk research and expert interviews
- Cooperate closely with the head of Work Package 2
- Coordinate and cooperate with the research teams in Ghana, Laos, and Switzerland
- Contribute to the publication of academic papers, policy briefs, and training materials (including joint publications)
- Present research findings at academic conferences and other events, and organize such events
- Engage with stakeholders and liaise with academic networks related to illicit financial flows
- Occasionally, contribute to University teaching on illicit financial flows
- Manage the contents of the project's web pages on CDE's website
- In the second phase, contribute to production of a documentary film, in addition to further research and outreach activities in line with the research proposal
- Integrate into CDE and become acquainted with its main research approaches

REQUIREMENTS

- PhD in law, preferably with a focus on international economic law or international human rights law related to tax regimes; PhD in development studies with a particular focus on international economic law; or similar background
- Very good English-language writing, drafting, and communication skills; good skills in German and French
- Proven interest/expertise in the fields of natural resource governance, commodity trade, development finance, and international tax justice
- Proven interest/expertise in interdisciplinary research
- Strong organization, coordination, and communication skills; ability to work under time pressure and meet multiple deadlines
- Cooperative and engaged personality; ability to work both autonomously and in a participatory manner within an interdisciplinary team
- Curiosity about CDE's inter- and transdisciplinary activities
- Command of social media is a plus

WE OFFER

- Employment conditions and remuneration in accordance with the standards of the University of Bern, Switzerland, and the Swiss National Science Foundation
- Collaboration in a dynamic, engaged, and multidisciplinary team
- A stimulating working environment in a multinational and multicultural context
- A part-time position with flexible working hours
- Depending on opportunities and the researcher's availability, the possibility to engage in additional consultancy work related to policy coherence for development (beyond this appointment)

DETAILS

Starting date: 1 September 2017 (or as soon as possible thereafter)

Location: CDE, University of Bern, Hallerstrasse 10, Bern, Switzerland; www.cde.unibe.ch

Duration: 2.5 years, with the possibility of renewal depending on formal approval of the second project phase

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Application deadline: 19 June 2017

Job interviews: 26 and 30 June 2017

Application materials: Please submit your application (consisting of a one-page letter of motivation, a complete CV, and three references) in English and as a single PDF file to personaladministration@cde.unibe.ch.

CDE values diversity and is committed to equal opportunities; applications are welcome from all suitably qualified candidates who meet the stated criteria.