
**Job Opening:
Advisor on ABS and IPRs**

Position title: Advisor on ABS and IPRs

Reporting to: Executive Director

Summary

The Union for Ethical BioTrade is a non-profit, membership-based organisation in Geneva that brings together a diverse group of businesses using materials derived from biological diversity. The Union was created in May 2007 and opened its offices in Geneva in summer 2008. The initial team will consist of four people. The Union is an equal opportunities employer.

Position summary

The advisor on ABS and IPRs provides guidance to the Union and its Members on issues related to the Convention on Biological Diversity, particularly as they relate to access and benefit sharing (ABS) and intellectual property rights (IPRs).

Responsibilities

- Follow the negotiations in the context of the CBD in the running up to the CBD COP 10 in 2010 on issues of relevance to the Union and its Members;
- Prepare inputs to these negotiations in consultation with Union members;
- Provide periodic updates to the Union's members regarding the negotiations in the CBD;
- Prepare inputs for Union training materials regarding ABS and IPRs;
- Organise training/briefing sessions to members;
- Provide advice to Members regarding issues related to ABS and IPRs;
- Support the Union in all other matters of relevance.

Qualifications and skills:

- Proven knowledge of the Convention Biological Diversity, Access and Benefit legislation, and IPRs;
- Good understanding of the international negotiation processes with regards to CBD, ABS and IPRs;
- Understand different needs of the Union's membership categories and ability to communicate clearly to them in written and verbal form;
- Proven experience with the application of CBD and IPRs in developing countries and within companies;
- Fluency in English. Good working knowledge of French, Spanish or Portuguese
- University degree in law;

Employment conditions

Location: Geneva, Switzerland. It concerns a part-time position for 3 days a week. The contract duration is initially until 31 December 2010. The incumbent will become part of the Swiss social security system. Remuneration will be according to age and experience, in line with local Swiss standards. Incumbent will be offered a contract with a 3-month probation period.

Application

Interested candidates should send a cover letter and curriculum vitae by **3 October 2008** to info@ethicalbiotrade.org.