

JOB DESCRIPTION FOR JPO

POST:	Associate Seismoacoustic Operations Officer
ORGANIZATIONAL SETTING:	International Data Centre Division Operations Section Monitoring Facilities Operations Unit
GRADE:	P-2
RESPONSIBLE TO:	Head, Monitoring Facilities Operations Unit

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Under the supervision of the Head, Monitoring Facilities Operations Unit, to:

- Monitor daily operations of Seismic, Hydroacoustic and Infrasound (SHI) Stations of the International Monitoring System (IMS) stations including the incident troubleshooting, classification, escalation, and resolution. Evaluate station performances including identifying problems with data acquisition, data quality, and/or data authentication, and communicating with the station operators.
- Review, conduct preliminary evaluation, classify and update reports and ensure proper distribution and storage thereof. Assure the conformity with the IMS operational procedures. In coordination with the PTS maintenance and support staff and with IMS station operators, manage stations problems and provide assistance for first level maintenance at the IMS stations.
- Contribute to the establishment and renewal of Post Certification Activities (PCA) contracts. Evaluate the performance of station operators through the review of monthly and summary reports. Review and certify PCA contract deliverables.
- Collaborate with team members and support the calibration project, including communication with station operators for the planning and implementation of calibration at seismic and hydro-acoustic T-phase stations, review calibration results and take action in case of out of specification results received.
- Collaborate with team members and support the Operations Center activities, including taking duty shifts and the development of standard operating procedures.
- Participate as a team member in visits to IMS stations for training purposes, and to better evaluate local conditions in regard to PCA contract management.
- Perform other duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- University degree in geophysics, acoustics, engineering or a related field;
- At least two years' relevant working experience in at least one the following areas:
 - Analysis of geophysical time-series data;
 - Application of a wave-technology network development;
 - Management of station of seismic, hydro-acoustic, or infrasound (SHI) technology.

- Relevant computer and programming skills (Windows MS Office, Unix, Linux, Perl, Python, SQL, JIRA), in particular the use of Object–Relational Database management Systems (Oracle, Postgres etc.) and database applications.

LANGUAGE

Excellent written and oral communication skills in English are essential. Working knowledge of other official CTBTO languages is desirable.

COMPETENCIES:

Professionalism – Demonstrates professional competence and mastery of subject matter. Conscientious and efficient in meeting commitments, observing deadlines and achieving results.

Planning and Organizing – Develops clear goals that are consistent with agreed strategies; identifies priority activities and assignments; adjusts priorities as requested; allocates appropriate amount of time and resources for completing work; foresees risks and allows for contingencies when planning; monitors and adjusts plans and actions as necessary.

Communication – Very good skills in communicating with people from different backgrounds.

Teamwork - Proven interpersonal skills and the ability to listen and work in a multi-cultural, multi-ethnic environment with sensitivity and respect for diversity.

Technological Awareness - Ability to keep abreast of developments and relevant technologies applicable to the profession.

Client Orientation - Ability to identify clients' needs and establish and maintain effective relationships with internal and external stakeholders.

LEARNING ELEMENTS

At the end of the assignment, the Associate Seismoacoustic Operations Officer will have:

- Knowledge and understanding of the Commission's activities and the role of the Provisional Technical Secretariat (PTS) in the operation of the International Monitoring System (IMS).
- Thorough knowledge of and expertise in the operation of SHI IMS stations, including incident troubleshooting, classification, escalation, and problem resolution; Evaluation of station performances including identifying problems with data acquisition, data quality, and/or data authentication, and communicating with the station operators.
- Knowledge of Post Certification Activities (PCA) contract management, including evaluation of the performance of station operators through the review of monthly and summary reports, and PCA contract deliverables.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) bans nuclear explosions by everyone, everywhere: on the Earth's surface, in the atmosphere, underwater and underground.

The CTBT was negotiated in Geneva between 1994 and 1996. One hundred and eighty-six countries have signed the Treaty, of which 174 have also ratified it, including three of the nuclear weapon States: France, the Russian Federation and the United Kingdom. But 44 specific nuclear technology holder countries must sign and ratify before the CTBT can enter into force. Of these, eight are still missing: China, Egypt, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Israel, North Korea, Pakistan and the United States of America. India, North Korea and Pakistan have yet to sign the CTBT. The last Annex 2 State to ratify the Treaty was Indonesia on 6 February 2012.

Since the Treaty is not yet in force, the Organization is called the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO). It was founded in 1996, has over 300 staff from over 90 countries, and is based in Vienna. The CTBTO's main tasks are the promotion of the Treaty and

the build-up of the verification regime so that it is operational when the Treaty enters into force. The annual budget is around US130,000,000 or $\in 120,000,000$.

The International Monitoring System (IMS) will, when complete, consist of 337 facilities worldwide to monitor the planet for signs of nuclear explosions. Around 90 percent of the facilities are already up and running. The IMS uses the following four state-of-the-art technologies (numbers reflect final configuration):

- Seismic: 50 primary and 120 auxiliary seismic stations monitor seismic waves on Earth. Primary stations transmit data continuously to the International Data Centre. Three-component stations are seismological stations with sensors that measure seismic motion in three orthogonal directions (one vertical and two horizontal) of the arriving seismic waves, enabling detection of the time and amplitude of arrivals from events such as earthquakes and explosions, and in many cases also an estimate of the direction to the source of the event. Array stations consist of geometrically arranged seismic sensors. These arrays are more sensitive than individual three-component seismic stations and, in particular, measure the direction to the source of an event with a high accuracy. Most of these seismic waves, many thousands every year, are caused by earthquakes. But man-made explosions, such as mine explosions or the announced North Korean nuclear tests in 2006, 2009, 2013, 2016 and 2017, are also detected.
- Hydroacoustic: 11 hydroacoustic stations "listen" for sound waves in the oceans. The main reason for the vast area coverage offered by these stations is the efficient propagation of sound in the oceans. Hydrophone stations use underwater microphones (hydrophones) deployed in the oceans and are connected by 20 200 km long underwater cables to a land facility for real-time data transmission. Hydrophones are very sensitive acoustic sensors capable of picking up acoustic waves, including those generated by underwater explosions.
- Infrasound: 60 infrasound stations use sensors, called microbarometers, to detect infrasound waves, which are low frequency sound waves travelling over large distances in the atmosphere. Infrasound waves are produced by events such as atmospheric explosions or volcanic eruptions. Infrasound stations are arrays comprised of four to fifteen sites with an aperture typically ranging from one to three kilometers. Infrasound stations allow for the computation of the arrival time and direction of the incoming sound waves.
- Radionuclide: 80 stations measure the atmosphere for radioactive particles. Forty of them also pick up noble gas. They are supported by 16 radionuclide laboratories. Radionuclide stations sample the air to detect radioactive isotopes released into the atmosphere by nuclear explosions. Particulate stations capture and analyze particles which carry such isotopes that may give evidence about a nuclear explosion. Specific noble gas isotopes are also released from nuclear explosions. For nuclear explosions occurring underground or underwater, only noble gas isotopes may be detectable in the atmosphere.