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Vacancy Announcement

Coordinator – DAKSHIN: Global South Centre of Excellence

The Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) invites applications from highly motivated and experienced development professionals/scholars for the position of **Coordinator** for **DAKSHIN: Global South Centre of Excellence**.

DAKSHIN – the *Development and Knowledge Sharing Initiative* – is an institutional platform dedicated to strengthening South–South cooperation, advancing knowledge exchange, and supporting capacity-building initiatives across the Global South. It facilitates partnerships, identifies development priorities, and enables effective matchmaking between partner countries and relevant institutions and agencies.

The Coordinator will provide strategic leadership to DAKSHIN, guide its academic and programme team, and drive meaningful multi-country collaborations. The role focuses on building strong institutional linkages, designing and managing technology / knowledge-sharing initiatives, and supporting partner countries in connecting with suitable agencies for technical and financial cooperation.

Key Responsibilities

- Lead, mentor, and motivate the academic and programme team of DAKSHIN.
- Build and sustain partnerships with governments, institutions, and development agencies across the Global South.
- Design and coordinate knowledge-sharing initiatives, capacity-building programmes, and policy dialogues.
- Organize high-quality meetings, workshops, conferences, and interactions.
- Ensure effective coordination, monitoring, and administrative/financial oversight of all programme activities.
- Identify development needs and requests from partner countries and map them to appropriate institutions, agencies, or centres of excellence.

- Facilitate matchmaking between partner countries and implementing agencies for technical cooperation.

Given DAKSHIN's unique mandate as a facilitation and knowledge hub, the position requires a candidate who combines strategic thinking with strong networking abilities. The Coordinator must be able to understand country contexts, map institutional ecosystems, and connect the right partners in an effective and timely manner.

Qualifications & Experience:

The candidate is expected to have the following qualifications:

- Master's degree in Economics, Development Studies, Management, Public Policy, Environmental studies, or any other relevant discipline aligned with the responsibilities of the position.
- Minimum 15 years of experience, preferably in multilateral or international institutions.
- Demonstrated ability to manage complex, multi-stakeholder engagements and multicultural teams.
- Excellent communication, partnership-building and analytical skills.
- Strong understanding of development cooperation, knowledge networks and capacity-building frameworks.
- Having a Ph.D. will be an added advantage, particularly for candidates with strong international development exposure

Preference will be given to Candidates with substantial experience in:

- South–South and triangular cooperation
- UN agencies, multilateral development institutions or regional bodies, International think tanks and development policy research institutions
- Multi-country programme coordination and stakeholder engagement
- Knowledge management, training and capacity-building initiatives

Compensation: The position carries a salary at par with Professor (Level 14) at RIS, including admissible allowances, leave entitlements, and other benefits as per RIS norms.

Tenure: The appointment will be on a one-years contract, renewable based on satisfactory performance

Application Process: Interested candidates may send their CVs and other supporting documents, including academic qualifications and experience certificates, to RIS by email: recruitment@ris.org.in latest by 5 January 2026.