



Open position at the International Barents Secretariat

Indigenous Peoples' Adviser

The International Barents Secretariat (IBS) supports the national and regional levels of the Barents Cooperation. The Secretariat was established in January, 2008, according to an intergovernmental agreement between Finland, Norway, Russia and Sweden. It is located in Kirkenes and sharing premises with the Norwegian Barents Secretariat and the Barents Institute.

The Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Norwegian Sámi Parliament have decided to cofinance the secondment of an Indigenous Peoples' Adviser to the International Barents Secretariat for a trial period of two years. The International Barents Secretariat will, as the employer, administer and instruct the work of the seconded Adviser.

As a member of the International Barents Secretariat the Indigenous Peoples' Adviser will:

- Deal with, support and promote indigenous peoples issues in the framework of the Barents Cooperation, and when appropriate in any other relevant international context
- Coordinate a newly established project on indigenous peoples' entrepreneurship in coordination with the Norwegian Barents Secretariat
- Work with youth issues in the Barents region
- Contribute to the communication/information schemes of the Secretariat
- Do any other relevant work as instructed by the Head of the IBS

The candidates should:

- Have experience with and good knowledge of indigenous peoples' issues and communities in the Barents Region
- Have coordinative, creative and social skills
- Appreciate problem solving assignments
- Be interested in international cooperation
- Enjoy being part of a team in an international environment
- Have a non-prestigious attitude

Qualifications:

- Background
 - as project leader/coordinator
 - experience in business/entrepreneurship/marketing
 - political or organizational activity
- Good command of English (oral and written)
- Fluency in one of the following languages: Norwegian, Swedish, Finnish, Sámi.
- At least basic command of Russian
- Preferably a university degree or equivalent education

A position at the International Barents Secretariat provides good opportunities for interesting contacts, personal development and challenging tasks in a dynamic and developing region.

Salary: Scale 48-52 in the Norwegian Salary Scale System.

The contract time is for two years.

For more information, please contact the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
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Applications in English, including personal cover letter, cv and at least two references, should be sent no later than
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