**Post Title:** Advisor to the TWAS Executive Director  
**Domain:** ICTP  
**Organizational Unit:** Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP)  
**Primary Location:** Trieste, Italy  
**Recruitment open to:** External candidates  
**Type of contract:** Individual Consultant – 11 months  
**Available compensation budget:** Euro 4,400 per month  
**Deadline (midnight, Trieste time):** 6 November 2020

### OVERVIEW OF THE FUNCTIONS OF THE POST

**Activities and Outputs:** Under the overall supervision of the UNESCO-TWAS Executive Director, the consultant will provide advisory support to the Executive Director in fundraising and diplomatic linkages and contacts with all Italian counterparts, including the Italian Government, the Trieste Municipality and the Friuli Venezia Giulia Region.

In particular, the consultant will:

1. Assist in developing an approach to further strengthen already excellent relationship between UNESCO-TWAS and the Italian Government and translate this relationship into funding of scientific programmes. Liaise with the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Affairs (MAECI), to ensure the timely transfer of the yearly financial contribution to UNESCO-TWAS.

2. Assist in strengthening the UNESCO-TWAS fundraising efforts by providing advice and linkages with:
   - science-related international and national organizations in Italy and in Europe;
   - local government in Trieste and in the Friuli Venezia Giulia Region;
   - international scientific organizations based in Trieste and in the Region.

3. Advise on the implementation of the 'international program on science diplomacy'.

4. Develop a network of contacts with the science leadership in other countries, such as Japan, India, China and South Africa.

The expected output of the consultancy is to:
- strengthened relations with the Italian authorities that provide vital funding to UNESCO-TWAS, both at national and regional/local levels;
- assurance that the Italian financial contributions are received in a timely manner;
- assist the Executive Director on fundraising efforts to increase income for programmes;
- Assist with the organization of successful science diplomacy workshops and events.

**Timing:** 7 January – 6 December 2021 (11 months)

### REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

**Education**  
PhD or equivalent in a scientific subject and/or in Diplomatic sciences related areas

**Work Experience**  
At least ten (10) years of professional experience in scientific and diplomatic environments.  
Professional experience as a science attache’ and/or with the Italian government and ministries.  
In-depth knowledge of the Friuli Venezia Giulia educational system and the Trieste Science System.

**Skills/Competencies**  
- Accountability
Communication
Innovation
Knowledge sharing and continuous improvement
Planning and organizing
Results focus
Teamwork
Capacity to work with UN agencies, International Organizations, Government institutions
Excellent knowledge of Italian

**SUPERVISORY ARRANGEMENTS**
The consultant will work under the direct supervision of the UNESCO-TWAS Executive Director.

**REQUEST FOR WRITTEN PROPOSALS**

In order to complete their online application, Candidates have to submit a written proposal to the ICTP Personnel Office at personnel_office@ictp.it containing:

- Curriculum vitae;
- Written proposal addressing the proposed contribution towards the output of each activity

Please note that written proposals constitute integral part of the application; failure to produce a written proposal will result in an incomplete application which won’t be taken into consideration.