

International Opportunities for ICMA Members

During the coming year, ICMA will have opportunities for volunteers to participate in our international work. Members and their staffs who participate in these assignments share their expertise with professionals in developing and decentralizing countries. Typical assignments include exchanges, technical assistance, and/or training. We need professionals with expertise in topics such as climate change, water and sanitation solutions, urban food security, crime prevention and public safety, local economic development, and disaster management.

If you are interested in any of these possibilities, please contact the individuals listed below.

SOUTHEAST ASIA

Host Communities for Southeast Asia Fellows: ICMA is currently implementing the U.S. State Department's Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative (YSEALI)'s environmental sustainability professional fellows programs. This program brings professionals from Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar (Burma), Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam to the U.S. to learn from their American counterparts.

The Environmental program builds the capacity of young leaders to address environmental sustainability challenges in their communities, specifically highlighting climate change, sustainable energy and environmental justice.

ICMA is looking for communities to host fellows for four weeks in April-May 2018. No monetary commitment is required. As part of the exchange, a host community staff member may have the opportunity to travel abroad to a YSEALI country to learn and provide technical expertise. If your community is interested in hosting a fellow, please contact Tony Green, tgreen@icma.org or visit <https://icma.org/programs-and-projects/yseali-professional-fellows-program> to submit an interest form.

Pro-Bonos for SURGE Project: ICMA is looking for volunteers who are interested in providing technical assistance and building the capacity of the SURGE partner cities in the Philippines. Experts in the following areas are needed: Asset Management, Construction Permitting, Tourism Development, Water and Waste Water, and Public Finance Management. Contact: Jocelyn Fortis, jfortis@icma.org.

LATIN AMERICA

Partners in Crime Prevention: ICMA wants to identify U.S. cities and counties for potential partnerships with municipalities in the Dominican Republic and Honduras. U.S. cities must have an excellent record of crime prevention as a result of commitment by the local government's leadership and collaborative work with the police, the community, the private sector, and religious and youth organizations. Contact: Isabelle Bully-Omictin, iomictin@icma.org.

Partners in Local Economic Development: ICMA wants to identify U.S. cities and/or counties for potential partnerships with municipalities in Central America. U.S. cities must have an excellent record of promoting economic development, including attracting investment and creating public-private partnerships, business improvement districts, and regulations for economic development. Contact: Isabelle Bully-Omictin, iomictin@icma.org.

Spanish and Portuguese Language Skills: For projects in Latin America and elsewhere, ICMA continually seeks members and others who have Spanish and Portuguese language skills. Contact: Isabelle Bully-Omictin, iomictin@icma.org.

CHINA

ICMA-CUPL Guest Lecturer Program: The China Center offers several guest lecturer opportunities. ICMA members have been placed at Chinese universities to deliver one- to two-week courses on city management and related subjects. In addition, members are invited to deliver sessions at training courses and at conferences. Opportunities are announced as they become available. The China Center will offer basic and advanced certification training programs in city management for Chinese local government officials. The programs will help develop city management standards and build management capacity in Chinese cities.

ICMA China Center Study Tours: Study tours are offered for local government officials and others who want to combine professional learning with tourism. *Study tours from China to U.S. cities* provide opportunities to observe how U.S. cities operate, make decisions, engage their citizens, and preserve their environment. The study tour design ensures that the participants are immersed in U.S. culture and visit famous sites. *Study tours from the U.S. to China* offer opportunities to meet with local government staff and civil society groups who provide a glimpse of the inner workings of Chinese cities and visits to landmark sites.

Next spring, ICMA anticipates a four-city study tour to China focused on urban planning, technology and innovation and land use and redevelopment (April 8-19, 2018). The China Center would like to hear from interested participants. Contact: Daniet Moges, dmoges@icma.org

TANZANIA

Pro-Bono Opportunity: ICMA is an implementing partner in the Enabling Growth Through Investment and Enterprise (ENGINE) Program in Tanzania, a project designed to increase private-sector investment leading to inclusive broad-based economic growth in the agricultural regions of Mbeya, Morogoro and Iringa as well as in Zanzibar. ENGINE is a four-year Feed the Future activity funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development and awarded through the Volunteers for Economic Growth Alliance, with the International Executive Service Corps taking the lead. ICMA's role is to advance implementing policies for growth by assisting local authorities and fielding local, regional, and international volunteers. Contact: Damian George, dgeorge@icma.org.

OTHER

Contribute to Proposal Development: ICMA members contribute to the development of proposals for funding by conducting reconnaissance trips to target countries, participating in design teams to develop technical approaches, or providing technical writing or review. Contact: Harleen Kovala, hkovala@icma.org.