At the HafenCity University the following position is expected (subject to funds) to be available in our cooperation project UNITAC Hamburg (The United Nations Innovation Technology Accelerator for Cities)

**Research Assistant**
**UNITAC Social Scientist / Urban Expert Namibia**
(Salary group 14 TV-L)

at the earliest possible date to support in research with 75% of the regular working time. The position is limited until 31.12.2025.

**ABOUT US**

The HafenCity University Hamburg, University of Architecture and Metropolitan Development (HCU) is a university that focuses on the built environment. The HCU unites all aspects of building and design, engineering, and natural sciences as well as geoscientific and social sciences under one roof. The HCU is organized in an interdisciplinary manner. One of the special qualities of the university is that all subject areas are integrated in research and teaching. Application relevance, technical knowledge, multi-perspective reflections and innovative creativity are the characteristics of an education at the HCU.

UNITAC Hamburg is a partnership between the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN –Habitat), the United Nations Office for Information and Communication Technology (OICT) and HafenCity University. In this project, UNITAC in collaboration with the City Science Lab at HafenCity University explores the potential of digital technologies, data, and innovations for sustainable urban development. The project works with a variety of applied, innovative and prototyping research methods and develops innovative solutions primarily for cities located in the Global South. These methods aim to accelerate the achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) related to cities and urbanization.

The position is assigned to the professorship of Prof. Dr. Gesa Ziemer, who is also the academic lead of UNITAC Hamburg.

**THE PROJECT**

The BMZ-funded **UNITAC project » Just transitions in vulnerable places - Towards climate resilient neighbourhoods and communities in Namibia «** aims to develop digital urban data platform and engage with and support national, sub-national and local government institutions to improve enhanced evidence-based decision making towards localizing the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda and the New Urban Agenda for climate resilient city-wide informal settlements upgrading.

**YOUR TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

Your main tasks will be related to develop the project design, the project management and coordination with the project partners on the ground in Namibia as well as the partner organizations UN-Habitat and OICT. Furthermore, your tasks will be applied research and development of sustainable technology and data solutions for cities. These
solutions will be implemented and tested in Namibia and cities around the world and will relate to the following three topics:

Your focus will be on local and international innovation ecosystems, where innovative solutions will be tested and scaled, especially in the three thematic areas:

1. Open, transparent, and participatory management of data and digital platforms
2. Mapping, spatial analysis, data analytics and visualization
3. People-centered smart cities

You will work in an interdisciplinary team of urban development, innovation, and technology specialists with a passion for sustainable cities, international development cooperation, and digital innovation.

MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

- a completed PHD in the field of urban planning, geography, cultural science, international relations or topic-related subjects
- a completed academic degree (Master’s Degree or equivalent) in the above-mentioned subjects
- You can also apply, if you have not completed a PHD in the above-mentioned subjects. In this case the salary group is 13 TV-L with the corresponding tasks and responsibilities.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- relevant experience in project management and coordination of international projects within interdisciplinary and intercultural teams
- Experience in the field of informal urban development and knowledge of local conditions (Namibia)
- experience with technology and innovation development processes, especially with the translation of real challenges into user and technology demands and developing creative solutions at the intersection of technology and urban development
- expertise and knowledge of current developments, challenges and innovations in Ukraine, as well as urban planning methods and processes
- experience in working in and/or collaborating with a wide range of urban development and innovation stakeholders at the local and international level, such as e.g., government agencies, civil society organizations, start-ups, research institutions, city networks, etc.
- fluent in spoken / written English

WHAT WE OFFER

- workplace at an attractive HafenCity location with excellent hvv connections
- interesting work in a university environment in cooperation with globally active business partners
- support for professional and personal development through a wide range of training and continuing education opportunities
- a family-friendly university that supports its employees in balancing work and family
- the opportunity to purchase a hvv ProfiTicket
INTERESTED? WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR APPLICATION

In addition to an informative cover letter in which you explain to what extent you meet the stated qualifications the following documents should also be submitted:

- tabular curriculum vitae
- proof of qualifications
- current appraisal or current certificate (see also notes on the application and selection process),
- relevant proof of further training
- proof of your severe disability or equal status (if available)
- declaration of consent to inspect your personnel file, stating the office responsible for the personnel file (only for applicants from the public sector)

For questions and further information, do not hesitate to contact Prof. Dr. Gesa Ziemer, +49 (0) 40 42827-5621.

The applicant’s classification in regards to the level of experience within the advertised TV-L pay group is based on the candidate’s individual work experience and reviewed by the HR department. Legally binding statements can only be made by the HR department of the HCU.

Please send your application (including CV, cover letter, and copies of relevant certificates), no later than 02.01.2023 (preferably by email as one PDF file) to:

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Please include the reference number “2022-124” in your application.

Please be aware that in case of an invitation to an interview, HCU will not be able to cover any expenses for travel and lodging.

Due to the high number of applicants, the HCU will not be able to return application documents. Therefore, please do not submit originals of certificates. If you add a post-paid envelope, the HCU will return your application documents.