IHE Delft is the largest international graduate water education facility in the world and is based in Delft, the Netherlands. The mission of IHE Delft is to work in partnership to strengthen capacity in the water sector, to achieve global sustainable development. IHE Delft has a permanent staff of 200 of which more than 100 are academics from all over the world, while about 250 guest lecturers from academia and industry contribute to our educational programmes. Each year 750 professionals (including about 200 new MSc students per year) attend courses at IHE Delft. The Institute has an international staff & student community with English as the working language.

Within IHE Delft, the Department of Water Governance has the following vacancy:

**Lecturer Water Services Governance**

**1 FTE/ 38 hours per week**

Sustainable Development Goal 6 articulates the importance of providing clean water and sanitation to all. This is challenging, because water scarcity is projected to rise as temperatures do, and because competition over water is increasing. Safe and affordable drinking water for all by 2030 requires not only massive investments in adequate infrastructure, but also hinges on the protection and restoration of water-related ecosystems, as well as on management and governance structures that explicitly protect and provide for those with less means and powers.

In its approach to help meet SDG6, the Department adopts and promotes an interdisciplinary approach: one that explicitly recognizes how social, technological, financial and organizational dimensions interact to shape the provision of water services. We use the detailed study and documentation of water services provisioning practices as the empirical basis for our critical engagement with wider theoretical and policy debates about the organization and management of water services provision, debates that happen in the context of larger questions about how to balance health, well-being and equity with sustainability and ecological integrity.

Current research lines in water services governance relate to the environmental sustainability of water services; the practices and performance of water operator partnerships; water services provision in low-income areas (‘pro-poor services’); and the commercialization of water utilities. Geographically, research takes place in both high-income and low-income countries.

As a new staff member of this Department you will be involved in further developing the group’s approach to studying and supporting both formal and informal water and sanitation providers: what do they do and how, why do they do what they do, and how can their actions be improved to meet SDG6? You will also be expected to translate research outputs and new analytical insights into educational and training activities. This work will be done in collaboration with colleagues at IHE Delft and partner institutes around the world.

**Responsibilities**

- Contribute to the development and implementation of research in the field of water services governance, in continuous interaction with partner organizations within and beyond academia;
- Actively produce and mobilize research findings to contribute to the ongoing global policy debates about the organization, management and governance of water services provision;
• Identify funding opportunities and acquire projects in the field of water services governance;
• Lecture in and coordinate courses in the Water Management and Governance MSc programme;
• Co-supervise MSc, PhD and Post-doc research;
• Acquire and help implementing international capacity development, advisory and other projects.

Requirements
• has a PhD degree in a discipline related to water services governance (such as human geography, development studies, public administration, business administration);
• has proven experience in and is willing to coordinate and manage knowledge management and capacity development projects;
• is able to work independently;
• is motivated to work in a multidisciplinary and multicultural environment;
• is fluent in English, and preferably also in Spanish and/or French;
• has affinity with, and preferably working experience in, low-income areas of developing countries and/or countries in transition.

Terms of employment
This position is a formation position with an initial contract of 2 years, with the potential to be extended. The position is based in Delft, The Netherlands. A competitive salary is offered depending on qualifications and experience in accordance with the conditions of employment for Dutch Universities. Candidates should be prepared to carry out short-term missions abroad.

Information and application
Additional information can be obtained from Dr. Klaas Schwartz (k.schwartz@un-ihe.org).

Applications (in English), should respond specifically to the requirements, and can be sent until 16 February 2020 (closing date) including curriculum vitae, motivation letter and the names and contact details of two contactable referees (as one PDF file with your family name as the filename), to IHE Delft Institute for Water Education, attn. Human Resource Management (E: recruitment@un-ihe.org), PO Box 3015, 2601 DA Delft, The Netherlands, stating vacancy-number 20-WG-01.

Reactions from staffing agencies and other 3rd parties are not appreciated.