



Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies e.V.

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The IASS is an international, interdisciplinary research institute located in Potsdam, Germany financed by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) and the Federal State of Brandenburg. It is devoted to promoting science and research for global sustainability, particularly in the areas of climate change, the earth systems and social pathways to sustainability. The cluster "Global Contract for Sustainability (GCS)", under the responsibility of IASS Executive Director Prof. Dr Klaus Töpfer, focuses on the societal and political transformations that must take place if we are to achieve sustainability. As a part of the cluster's core work program, the IASS established the Global Soil Forum to provide a multi-stakeholder platform that promotes knowledge exchange, research and policy action on sustainable soil management and responsible land governance.

As a contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) process, the Global Soil Forum is currently developing a transdisciplinary three-year project. The project focusses on renewable resources and their implications for food security and sustainable land management in the context of the post-2015 development agenda. The project will analyze the post-2015 process and will together with partners develop contributions to the SDG negotiation process on the sustainable production of renewable resources. In this respect, the project will focus in particular on the linkages to the question of sustainable land management and food security.

**The Position:**

The IASS is currently seeking applications for a

**Project coordinator (m/f)**

Under the supervision coordinator of the Global Soil Forum, the successful applicant will lead the development and implementation of the project's work program. She / He would be expected to:

- develop and coordinate the work program of the project team that will comprise up to four further researchers
- establish and maintain cooperation and alliances with research institutions and organizations at national, European and international level and coordinate the Advisory Groups of the project
- develop jointly with the project team a continued analysis about the global negotiation process on the SDGs, including positions, interests and relations of relevant stakeholder groups
- contribute to the preparation of analytical reports and reviews about positions and developments in policy and science concerning renewable resources and global sustainability goals
- conduct and analyze multi-stakeholder platforms with relevant international stakeholders and develop joint positions in a transdisciplinary manner
- contribute to the further strategic and scientific development of the Global Soil Forum

**What we offer:**

- The opportunity to work in a high-profile, international research project

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- The opportunity to work in a vibrant transdisciplinary research environment in sustainability science
  - Excellent contacts to a range of national and international political and research organizations
  - An innovative working environment within a dynamic team
  - The position will be remunerated in accordance with the German salary group TV-öD 14.

**Requirements:**

- Relevant training (Environmental Sciences, Environmental Policy, Environmental Governance, Geography, Political Sciences or related field) or relevant experience in sustainability science and international negotiation processes
- In-depth knowledge on issues of renewable resources for sustainable development, sustainable soil and land management, poverty reduction and food security
- In-depth knowledge on international negotiation processes, stakeholder processes, dialogue processes and institutional analysis
- Several years of relevant work experience with supervisory responsibilities and experience in working with international committees or knowledge networks
- Outstanding oral and written communication skills both in English and good knowledge of another UN language. Knowledge of German is a strong asset.
- Excellent networking skills
- Proven capacity to communicate professionally with international representatives from Business, Civil Society and Government
- Enthusiasm, flexibility and a commitment to working within a transdisciplinary, policy-relevant field

This position will run for the duration of 3 years. Applications, including a cover letter and a full CV with two referees should be received no later than Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2014 by e-mail to [Ms. Thando Tilmann](mailto:thando.tilmann@iass-potsdam.de) ([thando.tilmann@iass-potsdam.de](mailto:thando.tilmann@iass-potsdam.de)).

For further information and details on this position please contact [Ms. Thando Tilmann](#).

The IASS particularly encourages applications from female researchers; handicapped applicants will be given preference in case of equal qualifications.

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