



The Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies e.V. (IASS) is an international, interdisciplinary center of excellence located in Potsdam, Germany. The IASS is financed by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research and the Federal State of Brandenburg and devoted to promoting science and research for global sustainability, particularly in the areas of climate change, the earth system and the development of new technologies and social pathways to sustainability. Further information about the IASS can be accessed under www.iass-potsdam.de/en.

**Applications are sought for the position of
Project Scientist (50%) (m/f)**

Reference Number ClimAct-2017-01

The successful applicant will contribute to the project "**Climate Action in National and International Processes (ClimAct)**", working closely with the project leader Dr. Kathleen Mar under the guidance of scientific director Prof. Dr. Mark G. Lawrence.

The ClimAct project is designed to build a bridge between the scientific expertise of the IASS and climate action within national and international political processes, with particular emphasis on the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) climate negotiations and the activities of the Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC; <http://www.ccacoalition.org/>). In this context, the primary aim of the project is to connect academic knowledge on climate science and governance to on-the-ground actions that put society on a path to reaching major international goals such as the Paris Agreement climate goal. In addition, the project will help develop a better understanding of the role of international institutions like the UNFCCC and CCAC in this process, especially in light of the synergies and conflicts between the related societal and political goals of climate change mitigation, improved air quality, and good health.

Tasks:

- Development and application of a mix of qualitative and quantitative methods to critically reflect on:
 - How the IASS informs and interacts with climate politics and policy, especially in international forums such as UNFCCC and the CCAC;
 - How to evaluate the influence of different types of knowledge products and policy advice on political discourse and actions;
- Support for the conceptualization and organization of national and international workshops, side events (e.g., at COPs), seminars, and dialogues at the science-policy interface, and the participation in such events as one of the representatives of the IASS;
- Collaboration with project partners at the national, European and international level;
- Writing and/or contributing to publications in different formats (e.g., the ClimAct project website, social media, policy briefs, peer-reviewed publications).

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's and Master's degrees or equivalent in political science (preferably international relations) or in another closely related social science. Applications from candidates with a minimum qualification at the Bachelor's level combined with relevant working experience may be considered in exceptional circumstances.
- Experience with qualitative and quantitative methodologies within the field of political science.
- Interest in combining theory and practice in a project that both examines and participates in various aspects of international climate politics.



- Familiarity with climate-related issues and international climate negotiations; past participation in UNFCCC Climate Conferences (COPs) is an advantage.
- Practical experience in working with UN organizations (e.g., UNFCCC, UNEP), German governmental agencies (e.g., BMUB, UBA), or climate think tanks is an advantage.
- A high degree of creativity and personal initiative.
- Excellent spoken and written communication skills in German and English are required. Knowledge in French, Spanish, or other official UN languages is an advantage.
- Communicative, expressive and open; strength in visual forms of communication (e.g., graphical communication) is an advantage.
- Ability to work independently and in an interdisciplinary team together with natural scientists.
- Competency in MS Office.

What we offer:

- The opportunity to work in a dynamic, multicultural, inter- and transdisciplinary research environment in the field of sustainability science in general, and climate policy in particular;
- Excellent contact with a range of national, European, and international organizations, research institutes, and think tanks;
- Remuneration in accordance with the German salary group TVöD (Bund).

The position is a part-time position (50%) available beginning in May 2017. Combining this position with a concurrent Ph.D. in a closely-related area is possible. The position is initially foreseen until 31 December 2018, with the possibility of extension in a second phase of the project. The place of work is Potsdam, Germany.

IASS seeks to increase the number of women in those areas where they are underrepresented and therefore explicitly encourages women to apply. We encourage applicants of diverse backgrounds. Applications of disabled persons with equal qualifications will be regarded favorably.

If you are interested in this position, we look forward to receiving your application, including a letter of motivation, CV and two writing samples (one German, one English). Please submit your complete application, combined in a single PDF file no larger than 5 MB, **no later than 03.04.2017** to Tanja Baines (tanja.baines@iass-potsdam.de) using the Ref. No. given above. Please specify in your application how you became aware of the offered position at the IASS.

For further information and details on this position please contact **Dr. Kathleen Mar** (Tel.: +49 331 28822-366).