



Funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) and the Federal State of Brandenburg, the Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies e.V. (IASS) in Potsdam is devoted to the holistic, transdisciplinary, and international study of climate change, the components of the Earth system, and sustainability. Further information about the IASS can be accessed under [www.iass-potsdam.de/en](http://www.iass-potsdam.de/en).

As a part of IASS's research focus on Ocean Governance, the institute seeks to identify integrative solutions for cross-cutting sustainability issues related to the uses of the ocean, seas and coastlines within regional seas, and the open ocean in areas beyond national jurisdiction. In this field, IASS is working closely with and advising governmental and intergovernmental institutions. Current research within the Ocean Governance team includes:

- Advancing innovation in and strengthening governance of ocean and coastal ecosystems;
- Developing new forms of governance for areas beyond national jurisdiction;
- Building a partnership for regional ocean governance;
- Implementing the Agenda 2030 (Sustainable Development Goals) for the Ocean and Coasts;
- Developing ecological safeguards for deep sea mining.

For more information, please see: <http://www.iass-potsdam.de/research-clusters/global-contract-sustainability/sustainability-governance/ocean-governance>.

To strengthen the Ocean Governance team, **the IASS is currently seeking a**

**Project Scientist (m/f)**

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The researcher will contribute to IASS' programme of work, in particular through the systematic analysis of governance approaches for sustainable marine resource management and how they contribute to transformational responses to issues such as overfishing, pollution or unsustainable land/coast interactions. A focus will be given to moving away from sectoral management towards integrated approaches. We especially seek a researcher whose experience and expertise in academia and governance contribute towards addressing fragmented ocean governance regimes, competing interests for ocean and coastal resources, such as food security or conservation, and mismatched scales of governance.

**Tasks:**

- Contribute to the IASS research programme in ocean governance through own research, collaboration, and catalyzing participatory dialogues with relevant actors and stakeholders;
- Analyse and respond to key sustainability challenges in ocean governance and support related policy processes, in particular the implementation of the UN Sustainable Development Goal for Ocean and Coasts, through and by Germany;
- Support the design and hosting of the Potsdam Ocean Governance Workshops series in collaboration with partners from science, policy and civil society;
- Engage in the further development of the Partnership for Regional Ocean Governance (PROG), in close cooperation with the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) and other project partners;
- Establish and maintain cooperation with partners at national, European and global levels;
- Support the Head of the Ocean Governance team in aligning and advancing the key focus areas of IASS Ocean Governance: oceans and coasts, regional governance, areas beyond national jurisdiction, and deep seabed mining;
- Among others.



**Requirements:**

- Relevant training: PhD in Political Science, Resource Economy, Resource Management, Geography or a related relevant field. In cases of exceptional qualification, applicants without a PhD will also be considered;
- Experience in and in-depth knowledge of sustainable development as it pertains to the ocean and coasts; ocean, coastal, and marine resource governance; and, related marine resource use challenges (at least five years of related experience preferred);
- Proven networking capacity and interest in working in a multicultural, interdisciplinary working environment;
- Proven research capabilities, with published peer-reviewed articles;
- Outstanding oral and written communication skills in English. Knowledge of German, as well as French or Spanish is an asset;
- Proven experience in application for third-party funding is a strong asset; and,
- Enthusiasm, flexibility and commitment to working within a transdisciplinary, policy-relevant field.

**What we offer:**

- The opportunity to work in a vibrant research environment in ocean governance research and to be part of a highly skilled and motivated team from different scientific disciplines and professional backgrounds;
- Excellent contacts to a range of national and international political and research organizations;
- A dynamic, multicultural and interdisciplinary working environment in sustainability science at IASS;
- A full time position;
- The position will be remunerated in accordance with the German public service federal employment system (TVöD Bund).

The position is to be filled **as soon as possible** and is initially foreseen **until 31 December 2020**. Extension might be possible. Place of work is Potsdam, Germany.

Handicapped applicants will be given preference in case of equal qualifications.

Applications, including a cover letter and a full CV with two referees, should be received **no later than 15 January 2017** by e-mail to **Ms. Stefanie Hansen** using the reference number given above ([Stefanie.Hansen@iass-potsdam.de](mailto:Stefanie.Hansen@iass-potsdam.de), max. 5 MB, combined as a single PDF file). 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 **Mr. Sebastian Unger** ([Sebastian.Unger@iass-potsdam.de](mailto:Sebastian.Unger@iass-potsdam.de)).