



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](http://www.iass-potsdam.de/en)

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

- Advancing innovation in and strengthening governance of ocean and coastal ecosystems
- Implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development for the Ocean and Coasts
- Building and advancing the Partnership for Regional Ocean Governance (PROG)
- Developing new forms of governance for areas beyond national jurisdiction
- Developing ecological safeguards for deep sea mining

Further information on Oceans Governance at the IASS can be found here: <http://www.iass-potsdam.de/en/research/oceans>

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

**Research Associate -  
Partnership for Regional Ocean Governance: International Forum to Strengthen Regional  
Ocean Governance (PROG-Forum)  
(m/f)**

Ref. No. PROG-2018-01

The successful candidate will contribute to the Partnership for Regional Ocean Governance (PROG) and the R&D project "Partnership for Regional Ocean Governance: International Forum to Strengthen Regional Ocean Governance" (PROG-Forum). The PROG-Forum project aims to advance regional ocean governance through the development of a multi-stakeholder dialogue forum of marine regions with representatives of science, civil society and politics. As a cross-sectoral and cross-boundary platform, the PROG-Forum shall further facilitate collective strategies and solutions for key sustainability challenges, and provide input to and exchange with formal policy processes.

Support for the PROG-Forum was jointly pledged by Germany and the EU at the EU-organized "Our Ocean" conference, held in Malta from 5-6 October 2017. The PROG itself was initiated in 2015 by the United Nations Environment Programme (UN Environment), the Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI), TMG – Think Tank for Sustainability (TMG) and IASS as a platform at the science-policy interface to advance regional cooperation for the conservation and sustainable management and use of marine ecosystems and resources (for more information see:



<http://www.prog-ocean.org>). Previous and current projects of the PROG are concerned with the implementation of SDG 14 in the West Indian Ocean (funded by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development) and the protection of the high seas in the Southeast Atlantic and Southeast Pacific (funded by the International Climate Protection Initiative of the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety).

#### **Tasks:**

Working closely with the PROG-Forum project team, project partners and a steering committee, the successful candidate will:

- Contribute to concept development, hosting and assessment of the first PROG-Forum conference which will be held in 2019;
- Conduct accompanying research, reporting and policy work including the organisation of Side Events at international conferences and project workshops 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 IDDRI, TMG - Think Tank for Sustainability, UN Environment and other project partners;
- Establish and maintain cooperation with partners at national, European and global levels, including advice and reporting to donor agencies;
- Be responsible for the effective and efficient project management and reporting to the donors.

#### **Requirements:**

- Relevant university degree in Environmental Sciences, Biology, Marine Science, Resource Management, International Law, Political Sciences or another relevant field. A PhD would be an asset but qualified applicants without a PhD will also be considered;
- Experience in and in-depth knowledge of sustainable development as it pertains to ocean, coastal, and marine resource governance; and related marine resource use challenges;
- Experience in and knowledge of transdisciplinary research methods and with working at the science-policy-society interface;
- Proven networking capacity and interest in working in a multicultural, interdisciplinary working environment;
- Outstanding oral and written communication skills in English. Good knowledge of German is an important asset;
- Proven experience in project management 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 international research environment in ocean governance 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;
- Remuneration in accordance with the German public service federal employment system (TVöD Bund).

This part-time position (75%) is to be filled **as soon as possible** and foreseen **until 31 October 2020**. 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.

Applications, including a letter of motivation and a full CV with two referees, should be submitted **no later than 24 January 2018** by e-mail to **Ms. Thando Tilmann** using the reference number given above ([Thando.Tilmann@iass-potsdam.de](mailto:Thando.Tilmann@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)).