



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 of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019, the IASS is seeking a**

**Research Associate (m/f)**

**for the project “Partnership for Regional Ocean Governance: International Forum to Strengthen Regional Ocean Governance (PROG-Forum)”**

Ref. No. PROG-2018-02

The successful candidate will contribute to the R&D project “Partnership for Regional Ocean Governance: International Forum to Strengthen Regional Ocean Governance (PROG-Forum)”. The project aims to advance regional ocean governance through the development, hosting, evaluation and establishing of a multi-stakeholder dialogue forum of marine regions in a co-productive process together with representatives of science, civil society and politics. As a cross-sectoral and cross-boundary platform, this forum shall further facilitate collective strategies and solutions for key sustainability challenges, and provide input to and exchange with formal policy processes. The first “Marine Regions Forum” will take place in Berlin, Germany from 30 September – 2 October 2019 and convene 150 leading international ocean experts.

The PROG-Forum project receives support from the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, the German Federal Environment Agency, the European Commission, the and from Governments of Sweden and France. Further to this steering group, a high-level advisory board has been established.

The project is led by IASS and conducted under the Partnership for Regional Ocean Governance (PROG), a collaborative initiative at the science-policy interface between IASS, the Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI), TMG – Think Tank for Sustainability (TMG) and United Nations Environment Programme (UN Environment). The project team consist of researchers from IASS, IDDRI and TMG. More information on the project can be found here: <https://www.prog-ocean.org/our-work/prog-marine-regions-forum/>

## **Tasks**

Working closely with the project team and project partners, the successful candidate will:

- Contribute to the concept development for the Marine Regions Forum and the first Forum which will be held in 2019, including background and problem analysis, preparing of concept papers and documents, and conducting of accompanying research and evaluation; the concept development employs a transdisciplinary, co-creative approach;



- Contribute to the planning, hosting, documentation and assessment of the Marine Regions Forum which will take place in September/October 2019 in Berlin, including to logistical arrangements for the successful organization of the first Marine Regions Forum;
- Develop and lead the implementation of the communication and outreach strategy for the Marine Regions Forum;
- Establish and maintain cooperation with partners at national, European and global levels, including advice and reporting to donor agencies;
- Report and present about the project and results at conferences and other relevant events, conduct policy work and organise Side Events at international conferences and project workshops together with the team and partners from science, policy and civil society;
- Develop and contribute to publications arising from the project, including publications in peer-reviewed academic journals and policy briefs;
- Be responsible for the effective and efficient project management and reporting to the donors.

### **Requirements**

- Relevant university degree in Environmental Sciences, 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 from **1<sup>st</sup> January 2019** 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 06 December 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). Interviews are scheduled for December 2018. Travel costs cannot be reimbursed.

For further information and details on this position, please contact **Ms. Barbara Neumann** ([barbara.neumann@iass-potsdam.de](mailto:barbara.neumann@iass-potsdam.de)).