



Research fellow

Long-term Development Scenarios and Policy Dialogues for Climate Ambition

The Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI) is a non-profit policy research institute based in Paris. Its objective is to determine and share the keys for analysing and understanding strategic issues linked to sustainable development from a global perspective. IDDRI helps stakeholders in deliberating on global governance of the major issues of common interest: action to mitigate climate change, to protect biodiversity, to enhance food security and to manage urbanisation. IDDRI also takes part in efforts to reframe development pathways.

A special effort has been made to develop a partnership network with emerging countries to better understand and share various perspectives on sustainable development issues and governance. For more effective action, IDDRI operates with a network of partners from the private sector, academia, civil society and the public sector, not only in France and Europe but also internationally.

As an independent institute, IDDRI mobilises resources and expertise to disseminate the most relevant scientific ideas and research ahead of negotiations and decision-making processes.

It applies a cross-cutting approach to its work, which focuses on four thematic areas: Climate, Biodiversity, Ocean and Global Governance.

The Climate Program

The Climate Program is one of IDDRI's core pillars. It focuses on three governance levels: international climate governance (UNFCCC among others), European and national levels focusing on the climate and energy policies, taking a specific look at the transformation of key sectors. In terms of themes, the Program works across the IDDRI's strategic priorities. The Program focuses (i) on the conditions for the adoption of robust public policies, including through international governance, the political economy of policymaking, and the evaluation and selection of policy instruments; (ii) on the development of long-term transformation trajectories (for example, deep decarbonisation pathways), as a tool to support policymaking, public debate and a common understanding of the required changes.

Objectives and Mission

The Paris Agreement adopted at COP21 provides a clear process to stabilize the global temperature increase to "well below" 2C compared to pre-industrial levels through Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). According to this framework, each Party is responsible for defining its own emission targets and the implementation measures adopted to reach them. But, the ambition of current NDCs is widely recognized as insufficient to meet the Paris objectives. To address this gap, a 5-year cycle has been introduced to support the revision of NDCs, with key milestones in 2018 when a facilitative dialogue will take stock of collective action, and in 2020 when Parties should submit their revised NDCs.

In its Article 4.19, the Paris Agreement invites Parties to elaborate “long-term low emission development strategies” to inform their process of NDC revision in the light of the collective climate ambition of reaching net zero emission in the second half of this century. To support this process, detailed scenario analyses must be made available in order to investigate the challenges, opportunities and enabling conditions of deep emission reductions consistent with the global climate goals under different country or regional circumstances.

In this context, IDDRI has received funding to launch a project which aims to support the elaboration of such analyses in major emitting economies through collaboration with domestic research partners, and to help structure dialogues with local decision-makers and stakeholders to advance the discussion on climate ambitions and development strategies. IDDRI is looking for the research fellow who will coordinate this project and engage fully in the other tasks described below.

Job description

Under the supervision of the Program director, the IDDRI researcher will:

- Join a dynamic team of researchers;
- Coordinate multi-partner projects;
- Develop a research activity, aimed at producing, publishing and promoting both policy-oriented and academic publications;
- Develop and facilitate relevant networks and partnerships with researchers and other stakeholders from the public and private sector;
- Conceive and implement activities (workshops, dialogues, seminars, blogs...) to influence key public or private governance processes at domestic and/or international levels;
- Contribute to the definition of the strategy and the work program;
- Represent IDDRI in relevant meetings, conferences, as well as with the media;
- Participate in fundraising for research and policy oriented activities;
- Be involved in other IDDRI projects/taskforces where her/his capacity is relevant.

More specifically, in the context of this mission, and under the supervision of the project director, he or she will:

- Coordinate the aforementioned multi-annual, multi-partner project as well as another EU H2020 project with the support of the project manager, ie. coordinating the work undertaken by research teams working in various research fields, ensuring the timely production of high-quality deliverables, etc.;
- Provide methodological guidance to country partners developing country-driven scenarios and analysis, to ensure that their outcomes can help structuring and informing dialogues with stakeholders and policymakers;
- Support the organization of policy dialogues by country teams in several developing countries, through a mapping of local institutions and actors guiding the identification of the relevant participants, through the production of background notes identifying the key questions to be discussed during the dialogues and of papers synthesizing their main conclusions;
- Contribute to the impact strategy at the EU level, through the coordination of policy papers and the organization of events focusing more specifically on the EU’s political contribution in the international agenda;

- Conduct desk research, produce publications and contribute the organization of dissemination campaigns and events supporting IDDRI's international impact strategy;
- Maintain close and regular connection with research partners in the projects and contribute to develop relevant networks of researchers and of stakeholders from policymaking, research, business, civil society and media to meet the objectives of the projects.

Required Qualifications and Contract

Required qualifications

The successful candidate should:

- Hold a PhD or master's level qualification in the economics of climate change and/or energy, with skills and experience related to the methods for analytical and quantitative analysis of climate policies and scenarios.
- Prior experience in developing and using environment -energy - economics analytical tools would be an asset;
- Have at least 3-5 years of professional experience preferably in academia or equivalent (think tank private research, etc.) with strong personal understanding and knowledge of sustainable development, energy and climate change issues;
- Have experience of coordinating multiannual, multi-partner projects;
- Have experience of domestic climate policy processes, with a preference for an understanding of policy making in different national contexts, including the European Union.
- Have excellent written and verbal communication skills, including the ability to synthesize and present technical analysis for a non-technical audience;
- Be fluent in English. Fluency in French and/or other UN languages (Spanish or Portuguese) would be an asset;
- Have the capacity to work independently as well as in team, in an international, multicultural environment;
- Have the willingness to travel both nationally and internationally, sometimes extensively.

Required characteristics:

- Project management skills
- Capacity for autonomy and initiative
- Intellectual curiosity and academic rigor
- Political mindset
- Excellent knowledge of international climate policy processes
- Capacity to understand and analyze domestic climate policy processes
- A network of research partners in the field of climate/energy
- Excellent writing and communication skills in English.
- Capacity and interest to intervene in public debates

Contract details:

36 months fixed term contract (CDD-OD as referred to in French Labour law) in line with the project duration.

Remuneration according to qualification and experience, based on IDDRI's salary policy (between 37k€ and 44k€ gross and before income tax);

Position based in Paris.

***Candidature should consist of a CV, motivation letter and 3 references to be sent to
Henri WAISMAN (henri.waisman@iddri.org) and Lisa DACOSTA (lisa.dacosta@iddri.org)
by 20 February 2018***

Please note that only preselected candidates will be contacted for the interview process.

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