



The Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies e.V. (IASS) is an international, interdisciplinary research institute, located in Potsdam, Germany financed by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) and the Federal State of Brandenburg. It is devoted to promoting science and research for global sustainability, particularly in the areas of climate change, the earth systems and social pathways to sustainability. We focus on the societal and political transformations that must take place if we are to achieve sustainability.

As a part of the institute's work program, the IASS established the Global Soil Forum (GSF) to provide a multi-stakeholder platform that promotes knowledge exchange, research and policy action on sustainable soil management and responsible land governance. Together with the leading actors in the field, the GSF initiates processes which foster the application of this co-created knowledge on the ground. A voice in policy negotiation, the Forum advocates for soil management in the context of sustainable development, and promotes equitable access to land. Its flagship is the Global Soil Week (GSW), a multi-stakeholder platform of high-level policy-makers, scientists, NGOs, CSOs, farmers, artists, international organizations, and the private sector which resonates internationally, raising public awareness of the issues of soil and land.

To strengthen our team, the IASS' GSF is currently seeking applications for a

Project Coordinator Global Soil Week (m/f)

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Under the supervision of the Global Soil Forum Coordinator, the successful applicant will lead the development and implementation of the Global Soil Week, the Global Soil Forum's flagship project and hub for IASS' soil related work program. She/He would be expected to:

- develop the GSW's strategic concept further in cooperation with partner organizations and planning committees involved;
- maintaining and expanding the particular character of the GSW as an inclusive platform for all stakeholders working on soil and land related topics from different professional backgrounds and world's regions
- develop a concept for regional soil weeks
- familiarize herself / himself with the work processes and political cornerstones of the Global Soil Forum and its partner organizations as reference points for the design and further development of the Global Soil Week
- structure, schedule, coordinate and communicate the rough and detailed planning of future Global Soil Weeks;
- develop and coordinate the work program of the project team which comprises of a programme assistant and a number of researchers from the Global Soil Forum and members of the event management team;
- maintain and expand the thematic cooperation with partners and other stakeholders at national, European and international level;
- contribute to the strategic and scientific development of the Global Soil Forum as a major international transdisciplinary research team on soil management and land governance.

What we offer:

- the opportunity to work in a high-profile, vibrant transdisciplinary research environment in sustainability science;
- very open environment to develop new ideas and spark creative thinking
- high degree of independence and responsibility with the opportunity to self-development
- excellent contacts to a wide range of national and international political and research organizations;
- potential for further development of high profile career path in sustainability science or policy related fields
- an innovative working environment within a dynamic, international team;
- remuneration based on TVöD (Bund) scale 14.

Requirements:

- Master's or PhD degree in international development, sociology, politics or a related field, or an equivalent combination of degree as well as relevant experience in sustainability science.
- Demonstrated capacity to conceptualize and accentuate complex topics in a self-motivated and effective manner with a view to their societal relevance
- Proven ability to work and communicate effectively, diplomatically and sensitively with a wide range of partners from science, politics, business and civil society at both the national and international level preferably in land governance, soil management related policy fields.
- Experience in and in-depth knowledge of stakeholder processes, dialogue processes and institutional analysis.
- Experience within transdisciplinary research and working processes
- Proven experience in project management, preferably with strong experience in conceptualization and organization of international multi-stakeholder conferences.
- Relevant work experience with supervisory responsibilities.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills in both English and German.
- Enthusiasm, flexibility and a commitment to working within a transdisciplinary, policy-relevant field.

This position is to be filled from 1 March and will run for formal reasons to 31st December 2016, extension is desired.

Applications, including a cover letter and a full CV with two referees should be received no later than 17 January 2016 by e-mail to Ms. Daniela Hoyer-Rensmann (Daniela.Hoyer-Rensmann@iass-potsdam.de). Please refer to the reference number given above. The interviews will take place on 8 and 9 February 2016.

For further information and details on this position please contact Ms. Daniela Hoyer-Rensmann. The IASS particularly encourages applications from female researchers; applicants with disabilities will be given preference in case of equal qualifications.

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