



Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies e.V.

The Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies e.V. (IASS) is an international, interdisciplinary research institute located in Potsdam, financed by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research and the Federal State of Brandenburg. As a part of the institute's Sustainability Governance Programme, the IASS focuses on Ocean Governance and seeks to identify pathways for sustainability transformations in the Ocean. 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 partnership for regional ocean governance
- Implementing the Agenda 2030 (Sustainable Development Goals) for the Ocean and Coasts
- Developing ecological safeguards for deep sea mining
- Promoting dialogue in ocean governance within and among science, policy and society

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

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

**Project Scientist –
Partnership for Regional Ocean Governance: Supporting SDG implementation for
Ocean and Coasts (m/f)
Ref-Nr. PROG-01**

The incumbent will contribute to a project under the Partnership for Regional Ocean Governance (PROG) that is supported by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ). The PROG was initiated by the IASS together with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI) to support the development of innovative governance solutions for sustainability challenges such as dwindling marine resources and decline of biodiversity at the regional scale.

Through its initiative on "Supporting SDG implementation for the Ocean and Coasts" the PROG will facilitate the implementation of the Agenda 2030 and its Sustainable Development Goals for Ocean and Coasts by supporting states and regional organisations in (i) identifying lessons learned and developing innovative approaches to regional ocean governance, (ii) promoting regional capacities and, wherever requested, assist in strengthening ocean governance structures, and (iii) fostering the role of regional ocean governance at the global level.

Tasks:

Under the supervision of the Co-Lead of the IASS Sustainability Governance Programme the Project Scientist will:

- Contribute to an analysis of Regional Ocean Governance as essential to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Ocean and Coasts. The analysis will provide an overview of the key challenges and opportunities for advancing ocean sustainability and governance through the 2030 Agenda and identify the role of the regional level with regards to transboundary and cross-sectoral ocean governance in the implementation of the Oceans 2030 agenda;
- Contribute to the identification of best-practices that could inform the development of guidance for the SDG implementation for the Ocean and Coasts and its follow-up and review;

- Contribute to the organization of the 2016 Potsdam Ocean Governance Workshop and development of related background material and output contributing to the work of the PROG;
- Develop related outreach and communication materials;
- Establish and maintain cooperation with partners at national, regional and global levels.

What we offer:

- The opportunity to work in a vibrant research environment in ocean governance and sustainability science;
- Excellent contacts to a range of national and international political and research organizations;
- A dynamic, multicultural, and interdisciplinary working environment;
- The position will be remunerated in accordance with the salary group TVöD 13 of the German public service.

Requirements:

- Relevant training: in Resource Economy, Resource Management, Marine Science, Political Science or a related relevant field. A PhD in a relevant field will be an asset but qualified applicants without a PhD will also be considered;
- In-depth knowledge of the sustainable development in the ocean and coasts and related resources use challenges (at least three years of related experience preferred);
- 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 but not required;
- Experience in application for third-party funding is a strong asset;
- Enthusiasm, flexibility and commitment to working within a transdisciplinary, policy-relevant field.

This position will be filled as soon as possible and is initially for 11 months with the possibility of extension thereafter (pending continued project funding). Applications, including a cover letter and a full CV with contact details of two referees, should be received no later than 15 December 2015 by e-mail to Ms. Stefanie Hansen (Stefanie.Hansen@iass-potsdam.de). For further information and details on this position, please contact Ms. Stefanie Schmidt (Stefanie.schmidt@iass-potsdam.de).

The IASS is an equal opportunity employer; people with disabilities will be given preference in case of equal qualifications.

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