



## **Vacancy Announcement**

### **Research Fellow, High Seas Policy**

#### **Background**

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 analyzing 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 attenuate 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 historical Agendas (Global Governance, Climate and Energy, Biodiversity, Ocean) and cross cutting programmes.

Based in Paris, IDDRI currently has about 40 staff including a strongly international and interdisciplinary team of 25 social scientists (economists, political scientists, lawyers, etc.).

#### **IDDRI activities on ocean and coasts**

Oceans and coasts are an exceptional source of biodiversity that is currently under increasing threats from the intensity and diversity of human pressures. In order to define prospects for a new governance of marine and coastal zones and feed the discussions that take place in various international and regional fora, IDDRI has been developing several projects, including on the governance of marine biodiversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction (ABNJ); the regulation of offshore oil and gas activities; the interactions between Ocean and Climate; the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goal on oceans and coasts; and the sustainable management of tuna fisheries in the Indian Ocean (in the context of a broader project on value chains analysis): <http://www.iddri.org/Themes/Oceans-et-zones-cotieres/>

## **Position advertised**

IDDRI is seeking a Research Fellow on High Seas Policy to contribute to the project “Strengthening Regional Ocean Governance for the High Seas”. Pending final funding commitment from the donor agency, this international project will involve several implementing and affiliated partners in two marine regions (the Southeast Pacific and Southeast Atlantic) to support regional organisations for the development of specific activities and measures in ABNJ, strengthen region to region exchanges on good governance practices, and to contribute to the current negotiation of a new legally binding agreement for the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity in ABNJ under UNCLOS.

The project will be implemented under the Partnership for Regional Ocean Governance (PROG). The PROG was initiated by IDDRI, the Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) as a platform at the science-policy interface to advance regional cooperation for the conservation and sustainable use of marine ecosystems and resources.

Under the supervision of the Ocean Agenda Director, the successful candidate will fulfil three main tasks:

- Contributing to the current discussions on the content of the future international legally binding instrument on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of ABNJ;
- Supporting regional organisations for the development of specific activities and measures in ABNJ;
- Analysing options for effective monitoring, control and surveillance of human activities at sea, particularly through technological instruments and related policy measures.

To that purpose, the successful candidate will:

- Produce reports, notes and policy briefs for decision-makers;
- Author and/or co-author papers for publication in academic/scientific journals;
- Participate in relevant international meetings and conferences;
- Monitor and feed multiple international arenas and talks where ABNJ governance is discussed (e.g. United Nations General Assembly, Regional Seas programmes, Regional Fisheries Bodies, etc.);
- Coordinate with project partners, including on administrative and financial issues;
- Present and publicize the results of IDDRI’s work, in cooperation with the Communication Team, to a diverse range of stakeholders, from private companies to government agencies, international organisations, NGOs, etc;
- Participate, as appropriate, in other IDDRI programmes and activities.

## Requirements

The successful candidate should:

- Hold at least a master's degree, and preferably a PhD, in a field related to ocean governance (law of the sea, environmental or international law, political science, geography, environmental economics);
- Have at least 1-2 years work experience in a relevant area;
- Have excellent knowledge and understanding of international and regional processes related to the governance of ABNJ;
- Have excellent written and verbal communication skills with the ability to communicate effectively to scientists, policy makers, diplomats, the civil society, etc.;
- Be fluent in English. Have some knowledge of French;
- Have the capacity to work independently as well as in team, in an international, multicultural environment;
- Have the willingness to travel nationally and internationally, sometimes extensively.

## Location and type of contract

The position is based at IDDRI in the heart of Paris (Saint-Germain-des-Près).

A 3-year contract will be offered, pending final funding confirmation by the donor agency.

Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience, according to IDDRI's rules and regulations.

IDDRI is an equal opportunity employer.

## How to apply?

Interested candidates should send the following to [julien.rochette@iddri.org](mailto:julien.rochette@iddri.org), [glen.wright@iddri.org](mailto:glen.wright@iddri.org) and [lisa.dacosta@iddri.org](mailto:lisa.dacosta@iddri.org):

- A cover letter (no more than 2 pages);
- A CV;
- The names of three referees;
- A writing sample (e.g. a published paper, media article, or essay).

Application deadline: 18 November 2016

The position will be open from February / March 2017.

Only short-listed candidates will receive feedback on their application. Interviews will start mid-December.