

Terms of Reference

Outreach Officer – Governmental and Intergovernmental Affairs

Description

The Carnegie Climate Geoengineering Governance Initiative (C2G2) is an initiative hosted by the Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs (CCEIA) to catalyze the creation of effective governance for climate geoengineering technologies (largescale carbon removal and solar geoengineering technologies) by shifting the conversation from the scientific and research community to the global policy-making arena, and by encouraging a broader, society-wide discussion about the risks, potential benefits, ethical and governance challenges raised at every stage of their development, including research, testing, and any consideration of deployment. Founded in 1914 by Andrew Carnegie, CCEIA is an institution with global reach which for over 100 years, has promoted voices for ethics in international relations, education, and policy.

C2G2 is seeking to hire an Outreach Officer to support C2G2 staff's engagement with and outreach to representatives of governments and intergovernmental organisations. The position can be located anywhere in the world. The position starts as soon as possible.

Context

Climate geoengineering is defined as intentional planetary-scale intervention in the Earth system to reduce the risks of climate change and includes both largescale carbon removal and solar geoengineering. There is increasing interest in climate geoengineering as the challenge of staying well below 2°C above preindustrial levels and pursuing efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels - as called for in the 2015 Paris Agreement, - becomes more apparent. Climate geoengineering would have significant, long-term, planetary-wide consequences for this and future generations. No comprehensive governance framework(s) exist for their effective management, which, given their impacts, fundamentally requires multilateral governance. Yet policymakers around the world have yet little if any understanding of these technologies and their governance needs.

There is an urgent need for a broad, inclusive global discussion on how to govern the research, possible testing and deployment of these emerging technologies. The C2G2 Initiative is shifting this discussion from academia to the national and intergovernmental policy community, through systematic engagement with government representatives, intergovernmental organisations, civil society organisations, the private sector, and other non-state actors. C2G2 is not for or against the research, testing or potential use of geoengineering. We believe that is a decision society must take, and that the risks of having this conversation now are far less than not doing so.

Responsibilities

Under the overall guidance of the Executive Director of C2G2, in collaboration with C2G2 staff, and reporting to the Senior Programme Director, the Outreach Officer will:

- **Support senior C2G2 staff in their engagement and outreach activities with representatives of governments and intergovernmental organisations (IGOs). This will include, inter alia:**
 1. Planning, managing and following up visits of the Executive Director and other senior staff with officials in governments and in IGOs;
 2. Correspondence with officials in governments and in IGOs;

3. Collecting, processing, storing and analysing relevant information from countries and intergovernmental organisations useful to achieve C2G2's objectives;
 4. Travel as part of the team, as needed;
 5. Communications with other C2G2 staff to keep them informed about relevant developments;
- Other responsibilities may be agreed between the Outreach Officer and the Executive Director.

Location

C2G2 operates as a virtual team working in various locations worldwide. As an independent contractor the candidate can be based in any location where s/he has a work authorization. High-speed internet connection (partial support to increase connectivity can be provided) and proximity to an international airport is essential. No work-visa can be sponsored by Carnegie Council in any location.

Qualifications

- Minimum 5 years of professional experience with national governments or intergovernmental organisations on issues of sustainable development and, in particular, climate change;
- Excellent knowledge of and ability to work in English (oral and written), and ideally also in French;
- Ability to prepare, with minimal guidance, correspondence for the Executive Director's signature to senior officials in government and intergovernmental organisations;
- Strong self-motivation and initiative; as well as excellent organisational and communication skills;
- Experience working in a global and virtual team in the governance of emerging technologies and additional language skills desirable.

Remuneration and Benefits

This is a full-time position and is open and available as soon as possible. The contract will be until December 2018 but will be extendable subject to satisfactory performance. The yearly gross remuneration rate will be commensurate with the level of relevant experience, up to a maximum of USD 78000 per year. Work will be performed from the outreach officer's home office and require occasional travel.

The incumbent will become part of the C2G2 virtual global team during this period. From an administrative perspective, the work will be undertaken as an independent contractor of CCEIA.

Applications

Applications from suitable candidates should be sent to vacancy@c2g2.net by not later than 31 July 2018. Female candidates from the Global South are strongly encouraged to apply.

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