

Research fellow

International cooperation in support of national low-emission transformations

About IDDRI

Founded in 2001, IDDRI is an independent think tank that aims to facilitate the transition towards sustainable development. IDDRI identifies the conditions and offers the tools for integrating sustainable development into public and private policies. The Institute acts at various levels, from international cooperation to engaging national and sub-national governments, as well as private companies. As a research institute and a dialogue platform, IDDRI creates the conditions for a shared analysis and expertise between stakeholders. Based on leading interdisciplinary research, IDDRI connects its stakeholders and partners in a transparent, collaborative manner and makes its analysis and proposals available to all. IDDRI's focus is on four major issues: climate, biodiversity and ecosystems, sustainable development governance, and the Ocean.

The Climate Programme

The Climate Programme is one of IDDRI's core pillars. It considers 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 Programme 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 promotion 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; this latter stream is conducted within the Deep Decarbonization Pathways (DDP) initiative.

Objectives and Mission

The Paris Agreement adopted at COP21 defines the global objective to stabilize the global temperature increase to "well below" 2C compared to pre-industrial levels and defines the collective climate ambition of reaching net zero emission in the second half of this century. In this framework, each country is responsible for defining its own emission targets and the implementation measures adopted to reach them. To support this process, the Paris Agreement introduces two instruments. On the one hand, Article 4.19 of the PA invites Parties to elaborate "long-term low emission development strategies [...] in the light of different national circumstances". The LT-LEDS is an instrument to investigate the challenges, opportunities and enabling conditions for achieving simultaneously deep emission reductions consistent with the global goals and key socio-economic priorities as defined by each country. On the other hand, Article 14 of the PA defines a process of global stocktaking on the collective

ambition emerging as a composite from country targets and actions. This bottom-up international perspective seeks to reconcile the critical role of structured collective discussions to advance on priorities of international cooperation to support the progressive increase of collective ambition and the importance to organize these collective discussions around the requirements for country transitions as assessed by individual countries.

The objective of this position is to work at this interface between country perspectives on their long-term low emission development strategies and related international conversations.

Job description

Under the supervision of the Deep Decarbonization Pathways initiative Lead, the researcher will, among other:

- Second the Lead in the coordination of an EU-funded 3-year, multi-partner project including research institutions from major emerging economies as well as international teams on “Modelling of greenhouse-gas emissions relevant to the Paris Agreement (informing successive NDCs in light of the Global Stocktake)”. This entails the project management both at the administrative level in close collaboration with a project manager, and the technical level notably the responsibility for timely and high-quality deliverables), as well as the responsibility of a specific work package requiring scientific coordination of all project partners towards the definition of global narratives.
- Be the IDDRI focal point in a 3-year H2020 project about “Assessing Sectoral Perspectives on Climate Transitions to Support the Global Stocktake and Subsequent NDCs” with a specific contribution on the organization of international sectoral conversations in close collaboration with the team’s researchers on transport, industry and AFOLU.
- Contribute to track-2 dialogue processes between EU and external partners, in particular in an on-going process between EU and India for which IDDRI coordinates EU think tanks’ contributions. This involves working in close collaboration with IDDRI’s Climate program, coordinating inputs from the DDP to background notes in advance of the dialogues and ‘aide-memoire’ summarizing main insights from the discussions.

More generally, she or he will;

- Join a dynamic team of researchers
- Contribute to project management
- Coordinate activities with multiple country research partners
- Contribute to the development of analytical methods for in-depth assessment of global deep decarbonisation emerging as a composite of country visions
- Organize international conversation with sectoral experts
- Steer bloc-bloc dialogue processes
- Develop a research activity, publishing and promoting policy-relevant and scientific publications and organize events supporting the impact strategy of IDDRI at the international scale;
- Develop and maintain relevant networks and partnerships of researchers and with other stakeholders from policymaking, research, business, civil society ;

- Represent IDDRI in relevant stakeholder meetings, conferences, as well as with the media
- Contribute to the definition of the research program and strategy for change;
- Participate in fundraising for research activities.

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 and/or development, 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 5 years of professional experience in academia, private sector, or government/policy institution with strong personal understanding and knowledge of sustainable development, energy and climate change issues;
- Have experience of coordinating multi-year, multi-partner projects;
- Have experience of international sectoral conversations
- Have experience of domestic climate policy processes, with a preference for an understanding of policy making in different national contexts.
- Be fluent in English and French. Fluency in other UN languages 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 internationally, up to around three weeks a year

Skills:

- Project management skills
- Capacity for autonomy and initiative
- Intellectual curiosity and academic rigor
- Political mindset
- A network of research partners in the field of climate/energy
- Excellent writing and communication skills, both in French and English including the ability to synthesize and present technical analysis for a non-technical audience;
- Capacity and interest to intervene in public debates.

Contract details:

A 36-month fixed term contract (CDD-OD in French).

Yearly remuneration: 40k€ with a 10% end-of-contract "bonus" in line with French labour law on short term contracts.

Position based in Paris.

How to apply

Applications (CV, Cover Letter and details of three referees) must be sent before 28 February 2021 with in object "Application – DPP International cooperation" to: lola.vallejo@iddri.org, henri.waisman@iddri.org, lisa.dacosta@iddri.org

The interviews will be scheduled for the week of 1st March 2021 for an effective start as soon as possible.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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