

Vacancy

The Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre is the expertise centre of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent in the field of climate change and climate disasters. The Climate Centre's mission is to help the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and its partners reduce the impacts of climate change and extreme-weather events on vulnerable people.

The Climate Centre consists of an enthusiastic team that guides a growing network of consultants from all over the world in integrating climate risks into their work. The Climate Centre works closely with the Netherlands Red Cross, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)

We are immediately looking for a:

Freelance short term consultant

Envisaged start date: 24 June, 2024

Job Description

The Climate Centre works as part of the [World Weather Attribution](#) (WWA) group, leading the vulnerability and exposure analysis of real-time extreme weather events. WWA quantifies how climate change influences the intensity and likelihood of an extreme weather event in the immediate aftermath of the extreme event using weather observations and computer modelling. To encourage actions that will make communities and countries more resilient to future extreme weather events, WWA studies also evaluate how existing vulnerability worsened or alleviated the impacts of the extreme weather event.

We are seeking to hire a consultant to support the analysis and writing up of vulnerability and exposure factors that either contributed to or reduced the impacts of a recent extreme weather event. These analyses complement the findings of extreme event attribution studies to provide a comprehensive overview of the hazard, exposure and vulnerability factors that contributed to an event. This position will work closely with other experts in the Climate Centre's global team, as well as partners in the World Weather Attribution group.

Responsibilities

- Support real-time monitoring and triggering of extreme weather events to the WWA group (as needed)
- Desk-based review of scientific and grey literature on potentially relevant vulnerability and exposure factors
- Interviewing and supporting regional or subject-matter experts to input to analyses
- Scientific report writing to synthesize and convey the most important factors in an objective, and evidence-based way
- Supporting the development of key messages by synthesising findings across teams
- Participation in meetings on real-time attribution studies including input on triggers and event definitions

Qualifications

Education: Minimum Masters in a field related to climate, or disaster risk reduction

Experience:

- Qualitative research experience in the field of climate and adaptation
- Experience working with climate scientists and translating scientific information into non-technical language
- Experience working with the Red Cross Red Crescent movement is an advantage

Skills and Abilities:

- Excellent interpersonal, verbal and written communication skills
- Demonstrated ability to write in a clear, concise, and evidence-based way
- Ability to work quickly under time pressure, and manage multiple deadlines
- Ability to work in a virtual setting which is highly reliant on email as a primary mode of communication

Language: Advanced English language skills are required

Location: This consultancy is virtual and home-based

We offer

A freelance consultancy contract for a total of 25 days until 31 December 2024, with the possibility of extending this up to 40 days in total. We offer a consultancy fee of 250 Euro per day. The Consultant must be officially registered as freelance or self-employed person in the home/work location

How to apply

Please share your CV and a cover letter (in English) plus 1-2 writing samples (preferably links to published work) addressed to Olette Manhoudt, HR Officer at the Climate Centre sent to application@climatecentre.org with “Attribution Consultant” in the subject line.

We will review applications on an ongoing basis; once a successful candidate has been identified, this vacancy will be closed.

If you have any questions about this vacancy, please email hr@climatecentre.org.