

Working Group II of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change is filling the position of

Communications and Outreach Officer in the Technical Support Unit (IPCC WGII)

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has started its Sixth Assessment cycle. The WGII Technical Support Unit (TSU), which provides the scientific, technical and organisational support of the activities and products of the Working Group focusing on the Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability of Climate Change, is employed through the Alfred-Wegener-Institut in Bremen, Germany.

The Communications and Outreach Officer will coordinate and develop the communications materials of Working Group II (WGII) during the IPCC Sixth Assessment cycle. He/she will and be responsible for supporting the communication-related activities of WGII and TSU, including development of outreach material and webpages, and author support to provide clear communication in text and graphics material for a non-specialist audience. Upon completion of a report, activities also involve organization of national and international media workshops and briefings, as well as engagement with stakeholders and outreach events for policymakers, stakeholders, scientists, students and the general public. The successful applicant will work closely with the WGII Co-Chairs, Heads of TSU, Science and Operations teams, the authors of the WGII reports, and the communications experts in the TSUs of Working Groups I and III and the IPCC Secretariat to develop methods and products for communicating IPCC findings to policymakers and other diverse, non-specialist audiences and stakeholders. The Communications and Outreach Officer will work alongside other communication experts contracted or within the TSU (e.g., graphic and design specialists) to facilitate enhanced communication. He/she will interact with national and international media, respond to inquiries, and prepare authors for interviews.

Requirements:

- An understanding of different means of communication; experience in qualified handling media and other information requests, demonstrated e.g. by a degree in marketing, public relations, or journalism
- Experience in science writing in understandable, clear language avoiding jargon
- Experience in communicating complex scientific concepts to a non-specialist audience;
- Ability to translate scientific text of a specialized or technical nature for communication to a wider audience (e.g., FAQs);
- Experience in preparing press releases and media communications on scientific topics;
- Experience in working with the national and international media, including from developing countries;
- Experience in communication training, media briefings and press conferences;
- Experience in organizing national and international outreach events;
- Fluency in written and spoken English, fluency in additional languages, esp. German, is an advantage
- Proficiency with graphics development and software would be an advantage;
- High motivation and capability to work in a small international team with a common long-term goal;
- Capacity to work efficiently, respect time constraints, and possess a high degree of stress-resistance;
- Experience working with the UN or WMO, in particular with IPCC or UNFCCC, would be an asset.

The position is limited for two years, with extension intended through the completion of the project, expected at about 7 years. The salary will be paid in accordance with the German Tarifvertrag des öffentlichen Dienstes (TVöD Bund). The place of employment will be **Bremen**. For more information or questions regarding the TSU, please contact **Prof. Dr. Hans-Otto Pörtner** (Hans.Poertner@awi.de) or **Melinda Tignor** (melinda.tignor@ipcc-wg2.awi.de)

We offer you a multi-disciplinary, international, and fascinating professional environment with flexible working hours, state-of-the-art research equipment, and a first-rate infrastructure. The AWI aims to increase the number of international and female employees within the staff of the TSU and especially invites female professionals to apply for the position. Disabled applicants will be given preference when equal qualifications are present. The AWI fosters the compatibility of work and family through various means. Because of our engagement in the area of work-life compatibility we have been awarded the certificate 'Career and Family'.

Please forward your applications with the standard documentation (cover letter, letter of motivation, degree certificates (bachelor, master, diploma or similar), CV and two references of recommendation) by **31 August 2017** referencing code **111_D_Bio** to: Alfred-Wegener-Institut für Polar- und Meeresforschung, Personalabteilung (human resources), Postfach 12 01 61, 27515 Bremerhaven/Germany (or by e-mail with all documents merged into one PDF file) to: personal@awi.de.