

HRD Terms of Reference

Climate and Sustainable Development Sector Climate Change Research Consultant

Background of this search:

The Climate and Sustainable Development Sector is looking for a researcher with a background in Climate Change. While the evidence base needed to design and implement effective and efficient climate change policies in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) is growing, critically important gaps remain. Much of the existing evidence on how to design and implement climate mitigation and adaptation policies focuses on regions other than LAC. Moreover, even when evidence that can help inform LAC climate policy is available, it does not always reach its important policymakers in the region. Studies are often well-known among climate analysts but not among decision makers in charge of coordinating, budgeting for, or implementing climate action.

The team's mission:

CSD advises Inter-American Development Bank (IADB) Management on climate change and sustainable development issues and develops overall Bank policies, strategies, operational guidelines and programs in these areas. It is also responsible for conducting relevant sector research, analytical work, best sector practices and case studies on climate change and sustainability and provides specialized technical sector support to climate change and sustainability related operations and activities.

What you'll do:

The consultant will

- work closely with IDB specialists involved in writing the 2024 Development in the Americas on the topic of Climate and Disasters to define a research project on climate policies and programs in LAC.
- write a detailed proposal for this project.
- conduct rigorous policy-relevant research on the designated topic using standard analytic methods such as experimental economics, experimental and quasi-experimental impact evaluation methods, and economic valuation; the research must be of quality and rigor required to publish in a peer-reviewed indexed international journal.
- write high-quality publications reporting the results of this research.
- actively participate in a network of scholars and practitioners focused on climate policy by engaging in the discussion and providing feedback on research questions and knowledge gaps, methodological issues and policy implications.

Deliverables and Payments timeline:

The consultant will deliver the following three outputs

- Research proposal (March 2023)
- Draft report (July 2023)

- Final report (October 2023)

The consultancy includes consulting fees, fares, tolls, taxes and any other costs or expenses necessary for the development of the consultancy, to be paid as follows:

- 20% upon signing of the contract.
- 40% upon delivery of draft report.
- 40% upon delivery and acceptance of the final report.

What you'll need:

Citizenship:

- You are a citizen of one of our 48-member countries.

Consanguinity:

- You have no family members (up to fourth degree of consanguinity and second degree of affinity, including spouse) working at the IDB Group.

Education:

- Ph.D. in Economics, Public Health, Public Policy or a related field. Over five years of relevant experience in Latin American and Caribbean contexts

Experience:

- At least five years of high-level professional experience as a senior researcher.

Languages:

- Fluency in English and Spanish is highly preferred.

Core and Technical Competencies:

- Areas of specific expertise: (a) climate change; (b) LAC environmental policy; (c) disasters; (d) environmental economics; (e) rigorous quantitative research methods.
- Skills: (a) familiarity with academic and gray literature, (b) excellent communication skills, both written and oral; (c) proven ability to communicate complex concepts and prepare reports that are clear, concise and meaningful; (d) ability to apply theory to the specific policy context to identify creative, practical approaches to overcome challenging situations.

Opportunity Summary:

- Type of contract and modality: PEC
- Length of contract: 9 months
- Starting date: To be determined.
- Location: External
- Responsible person: Allen Blackman (CSD/CSD)
- Requirements: You must be a citizen of one of the [IDB's 48 member countries](#) and have no family members currently working at the IDB Group.

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Because we are committed to providing equal opportunities in employment, we embrace all diversity and encourage women, the LGBTQ+ community, persons with disabilities, afro-descendants, and indigenous people to apply.

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