

(Senior) Climate Finance Expert Position at The Frankfurt School – UNEP Collaborating Centre for Climate & Sustainable Energy Finance

The Centre is a strategic cooperation between United Nations Environment (UNEP) and the Frankfurt School of Finance & Management. It is committed to facilitating the structural change of energy supply and use around the globe by helping to catalyse public and private sector capital flow towards investments in sustainable energy, as well as to climate change mitigation and adaptation.



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Finance is at the core of all our activities, and while we have a reputation for unbiased analysis and applying a mix of economic and financial assessments, we always consider the larger economic and political context in our work. Creative and unorthodox thinking combined with strong considerations of the realities on the ground are part of our daily work, as we aim to provide conceptually sound yet still practicable recommendations. Indeed, as a “think-and-do” tank combining research, education and project implementation, the Centre is in a position to combine academic know-how with practical project experience. This maximises lessons learnt and facilitates the development of efficient policy recommendations.

We find ourselves in an ongoing dialogue with governments and international institutions. In our project business we combine responsive and proactive approaches. We often co-operate with donor institutions such as development banks supporting them in the structuring and implementation of projects that they have designed but also develop programs on our own. We also engage in targeted training activities, which are informed by our on-ground project work and findings from our research team.

We offer a stimulating environment with all the opportunities of a dynamic private business school engaged in world class research and with close ties to commercial banks and the financial industry on the one hand, and the distinctiveness of a think-and-do tank aiming to contribute to combatting climate change on the other.

We are currently seeking one to two additional (Senior) Climate Finance Experts to strengthen our existing team. The successful candidates will be based at the FS-UNEP Centre’s Head Office in Frankfurt, Germany.

The tasks include

- Development and assessment of public sector interventions to attract private sector financing and analysis of the impact of public support instruments and financing mechanisms from a private sector perspective
- Financial modeling to assess financial and economic viability, calculating financial indicators as well as other key performance indicators relevant to public and private sector-funded projects
- Technical writing for different kinds of audiences, incl. other experts, donors and the public at large
- Contributions to academic research activities and programs (e.g. E-Learning course and Summer Academy)
- Project management, reporting, coordination of external experts, business development and project acquisition

Qualifications

- University degree in finance, economics, public policy or related field
- At least 5 years of relevant work experience, experience in emerging markets is a plus
- Knowledge of either renewable energy, energy efficiency or climate adaptation, combined with an understanding of corporate and/or project finance
- Genuine interest in unbiased qualitative and quantitative analysis and economically justifiable regulation and programs to promote private sector activity in climate change mitigation and adaptation
- Strong writing skills, excellent quantitative and qualitative analytical skills; ability to conduct in-depth research
- Independent thinker with pragmatic problem solving skills; proactive attitude on assignments/projects
- Strong communication skills within and outside the team, commitment, sociability, flexibility, intercultural sensitivity
- Fluent in English and either French or Spanish, both oral and in writing
- Proficiency in MS Office, incl. financial modeling experience in Excel, and advanced Word and PowerPoint skills

Interested?

Please submit your application, including CV and a letter of motivation, which highlights your specific area(s) of expertise but also your particular interests in the Centre’s work to: Ms. Saskia Peters, fs_unep@fs.de

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