

CLIMATE AND DEVELOPMENT FINANCE

SENIOR RESEARCHER AND TEAM LEAD

ABOUT I4CE

The Institute for Climate Economics (I4CE) is an independent, non-profit think tank that puts economic analysis at the service of climate action.

We work to translate climate objectives into public policies and economic decisions: setting priorities, guiding investments, and designing strategies to reduce dependence on fossil fuels and adapt to climate change.

Our research aims to identify the levers of the transition, inform public debate on investment needs, and support decision-making that matches the scale of climate challenges. It is grounded in ongoing dialogue with those who design, finance, and implement climate action—from local authorities to the national government, from the European level to international frameworks, as well as with businesses.

Based on scientific rigor, independence, and transparency, our expertise helps strengthen the effectiveness, efficiency, and fairness of climate policies.

I4CE is a public-interest organisation, founded in 2015 by the Caisse des Dépôts and the French Development Agency.

For more information on I4CE: www.i4ce.org

ABOUT THE POSITION

Over the past years, **I4CE** has been among the leading think tanks fostering discussion on climate mainstreaming and Paris alignment in public development banks. Our international work also includes research and development of methodologies and tools on financing plans for the climate transition at country level, undertaken in coordination with international partners. The international work is currently growing the focus on effective allocation strategies between official development aid and climate finance, new revenues streams for climate finance as well as access to adaptation finance in developing countries.

Reinforcing both research and engagement on international issues is a strategic priority for **I4CE**, as the momentum – and the challenges – for financing the climate transition globally are growing.

In this context, the role is very important to the organisation. The senior researcher and team lead will lead on identifying the new frontiers of **I4CE**'s research on climate and development finance internationally, securing and implementing innovative research projects that bring decisive evidence to the international public policy debate. You will also contribute developing the strategic policy engagement in the field, whilst ensuring that the team members thrive in a collaborative and empowering work environment.

The role reports to Dr. Louise Kessler, Programme Director.

ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The role and responsibilities include:

- **Developing I4CE 's priorities for international engagement**, including on policy and research to advance a progressive climate finance and investment agenda, ensuring a strong strategic fit with international developments.
- **Leading and overseeing research & analytical work** in order to produce robust outputs fit to inform policy-making.
- **Fundraising for research**, building on strong relationships with international funders and engaging with I4CE's key financial partners on relevant focus areas, seeking new project-based and core funding opportunities.
- **Reinforcing outreach** and promotion of research on an international scale, developing and maintaining a relevant network of decision makers, experts and stakeholders within the leading international institutions.
- **Providing team leadership**, including a supportive and empowering work environment for team members to grow their skills. Direct line management of two experienced team members, overseeing the research, work planning and allocation of resources.
- **Supervising I4CE's involvement in the Secretariat of the « Mainstreaming Climate in Financial Institutions » initiative**, including the implementation of the strategy and work programme and capitalising on the collaborations in the network.
- **Ensuring collaboration internally**, notably with the team focused on country financing plans at the international level and the EU programme team, as appropriate.

PROFILE

The position is aimed at a professional with 10+ years of relevant experience with a strong mix of research, policy and strategy competences, as well as an educational background in the field of development finance, economics, political science, environment or similar at MSc or PhD level.

The skills set ideally required for this position is:

- Experience of producing high-quality research, and the ability to guide researchers with innovative research ideas and to understand their research topics.
- A solid track record of sourcing funding, with the ability to shape new impact-driven research projects and manage a portfolio of multiannual research projects.
- Excellent understanding of the international climate and development finance agenda, including of climate mainstreaming issues and the role of public development banks.

- An established network of international contacts within the climate and development finance community, including international organisations and donors.
- Proven experience with people management and decision-making skills, empowering colleagues to grow and thrive in their jobs.
- A strategic mindset with experience in political outreach and strategy development.
- Very good diplomacy, moderation and networking skills, at ease in high-level settings.
- Demonstrated project management skills (strategy development, research project management, fundraising & resources management),
- Excellent command of written and spoken English and professional command of French is a necessity. Competences in other major European languages, for example Spanish, is a plus.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Location: Paris – **I4CE**'s headquarters are located at 30 rue de Fleurus in the 6th arrondissement. Some remote working is a possibility.

Start date: June 2026 (adjustable depending on the candidate's availability).

Contract : permanent contract

Remuneration: €61 000€ - €70 000, depending on profile, qualifications and experience.

Contact and application process: CV and cover letter should be sent to candidatures@i4ce.org before 5th May. For any queries ~~related to the role and process~~, please contact Dorthe Nielsen, Director for Strategic Engagement (dorthe.nielsen@i4ce.org).