



Climate Champions Policy Advisor, Finance

The Role at a Glance

The Role	The HLC Policy Advisor, Finance will play a critical role in coordinating support for ambitious climate policy across non-state actors, with a focus on the finance sector. This key role will involve driving convergence across Race to Zero finance partners, working closely with the HLC finance and policy teams, and co-ordinating with GFANZ. The role will also involve working closely with partners across the Marrakech Partnership to activate around the Climate Action Pathway for Finance, and supporting both the High-level Champions in preparation for COP27, taking place in Egypt in November 2022.
Contract type	Independent contractor, full-time role
Contract duration	12 months, with likelihood of extension
Remuneration level	In line with market rates, and commensurate with experience and location. Remuneration is inclusive of annual leave.
Start date	As soon as possible and ideally May 2022
Location	The postholder should be based in a timezone able to communicate easily with Africa, the US (East) and the UK, but the specific location is flexible. The postholder must already have the paperwork to live and work in the proposed location. The role may require some travel internationally.
Annual leave	Up to 5 weeks unpaid leave
Reporting to	HLC Finance GFANZ Lead
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The candidate is expected to work from home, with occasional travel as and when requested. • In some locations, a collaborative office space may be available. • The candidate is expected to provide and maintain their own ICT and work tools. • The candidate must be comfortable operating within the HLC team IT systems including google docs and shared calendars. • Out of town travel and other work related expenses will be reimbursed in line with the travel and expense policy
Recruitment process	<p>Please submit your CV and brief cover letter (no more than one A4 page) to opportunities@climatechampions.team</p> <p>Please mention 'HLC Policy Advisor, Finance' in the subject of your email.</p> <p>Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis beginning 25 April 2022, with shortlisted candidates invited to virtual interviews soon after.</p>

The Climate Champions Team



Background

The Climate Champions Team provides support to the UNFCCC High Level Climate Champions to deliver on the mandate from Parties: to drive climate action and enhance ambition by non-state actors. Working with the Marrakech Partnership and other partners, we mobilise businesses, investors, cities, regions and civil society and act as a bridge between non-state actors and national governments to reach the goals of the Paris Agreement. At COP26, the two serving High Level Climate Champions launched [a five year plan](#) to deliver on the mandate from Parties. It sets out objectives and details of the tools employed to achieve them, across six key functions for the work of the Climate Champions Team for the period 2021 - 2025.

The global team is resourced to support the major campaigns [Race to Resilience](#), [Race to Zero](#) and [Glasgow Finance Alliance for Net Zero \(GFANZ\)](#), as well as sector-focused systems transformation using the [Climate Action Pathways](#) and [2030 Breakthroughs](#). Alongside this, we are continuing to strengthen the accountability mechanisms of the campaigns and assess the overall state of systems transformation as we prepare to support the global stocktake.

COP27 offers a unique moment to drive transformational change, scaling action for climate-vulnerable communities, and mobilising finance to developing and emerging economies, to move from ambition to implementation and halve global emissions and protect four billion people from climate impacts by 2030.

The HLC Policy Advisor, Finance provides an opportunity to work at what is arguably one of the most pressing challenges in the world today, and it will suit you if you are highly mission driven, entrepreneurial and thrive in fast-paced, ever-evolving and diverse teams.

You will need to be aware of climate policy issues, especially with respect to the finance industry, at both the country and regional levels. You will work collaboratively alongside GFANZ, HLC and subsector alliances, helping to reinforce policy calls to action by coordinating across common themes and priorities. You will be experienced and comfortable juggling different priorities and balancing multiple - and at times - competing demands and work in ways which are highly collaborative and engaging with a wide range of stakeholders at all levels. You are a good judge of opportunity and the possibilities of leveraging change with partners and existing networks in the finance sector to support



strong government climate policy and action.

Overview of the role

As the HLC Policy Advisor, Finance, you will take a lead in shaping and coordinating the High Level Champions objectives and plans for finance and policy, working closely with the High Level Climate Action Champions' Finance and Policy Engagement teams. With COP27 taking place in Sharm-El-Sheikh in November 2022, the successful candidate will be ready to hit the ground running, with the experience and capabilities required to shape a programme of work and drive implementation at pace. You will be working with a talented and committed Finance team, comprising technical specialists and coalition builders with financial sector experience. You will also be working with colleagues focused on the Race to Zero and Race to Resilience, mobilisation of capital to emerging markets and developing countries, systems transformation teams in all major sectors across the economy, and a strong communications team. In addition you will play a key role in coordinating the policy work across Climate Champions, GFANZ and net zero alliances.

Key responsibilities include:

- Provide input to Climate Champions thought leadership on the reforms needed for mobilisation of capital to emerging markets and developing countries, including for a new green financial architecture.
- Monitor, assess and identify opportunities with respect to climate and finance policy developments in key markets, and provide briefings and recommendations to the High Level Champions and colleagues as needed.
- Liaise with policy teams within the sector-specific net zero finance alliances to provide connectivity on policy priorities and coordinate joint priorities where appropriate related to national and international climate and finance policies.
- Coordinating with GFANZ secretariat colleagues driving the policy workstream to help shape and deliver the coalition's climate policy priorities and timelines.
- Engage the Marrakech Partnership partners on private finance and support the Marrakech Partnership Focal Point in preparation for COP27.
- Support the activation of non-state actors around the Marrakech Partnership Climate Action Pathway for Finance released at COP26, including refining the pathway as needed.

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As this is a dynamic and fast evolving team, the responsibilities are not set in stone. Rather, we expect the post holder to be adaptable and help develop the function in line with the changing requirements.

About You

The successful candidate will have experience of the finance sector and a successful track record in climate and finance policy engagement. You will be a highly motivated self-starter, willing to work across different time zones and cultures in a high-profile, fast-paced environment. You are able to exercise sound judgement with regard to engaging on opportunities to catalyse change and are experienced at building coalitions and fostering collaboration across a wide range of actors.

The following requirements are essential:

Candidates must already have the required authorisation to work and live in their location.

- Strong understanding of the financial system and relevance of climate change, either through working for a financial institution, finance sector NGO or a membership/network body in the finance sector.
- A track record of delivering policy change including a deep practical understanding of policy making processes around climate change and/or finance.
- Strong connections into and within the international climate community, and relevant contacts in priority countries, including with leading policy makers.
- An outstanding analytical thinker and first-rate writer, capable of collecting and organising complex inputs into short, sharp written briefings and political economy analysis, and presenting to senior audiences
- You are very skilled and experienced in building coalitions and fostering collaboration across a wide range of stakeholders, including within the finance sector, with senior government officials, the private sector and civil society actors.
- You will be a highly motivated self-starter, willing to work across different time zones and cultures in a high profile, fast-paced environment.
- Education in economics, public policy, finance, natural sciences or international affairs.
- A very strong communicator, fluent English is essential. Fluency in other languages a huge advantage
- A collaborative and collegial working style, and a strong team player.
- The ability to handle and manage ambiguity and change.
- A strong personal and professional commitment to help drive ambitious climate action.
- A commitment to the Climate Champions core values (below)

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Core Values

- **Unite behind the science:** we commit to make the changes scientists tell us are needed.
- **Build upon the incredible work to date:** we will cross-fertilize and amplify the work of the many heroes who have already committed so much to addressing climate change.
- **Take into account different ideas and perspectives:** we're willing to be challenged and to challenge, we look for the best in people and the best, most sound and most credible ideas, wherever they come from.
- **Practice stubborn optimism:** we recognize the scale of the problem, combined with an absolute determination to build our way out.
- **Seek progress not perfection:** all of us can be criticised and many of those best able to advance this issue are currently the biggest causes of it. We can't allow cynical greenwashing, but all who are serious about tackling climate change positively will be welcomed.
- **Be humble and generous:** we keep our egos in check and work together for the good of the whole

Code of Conduct

As a member of the Climate Champions Team you are required to adhere to the highest standards of conduct and behaviour, protecting the integrity of the mandate from Parties, the UNFCCC process, the UNFCCC institution and the COP presidency. Shortly after joining, there will be a number of mandatory induction meetings to ensure you have the information and tools needed to work to the highest standards.

Contract information

The Climate Champions Team is a programme of work under the not for profit administrative host body Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors (RPA). The contract for this role will be drafted within the Climate Champions Team and signed by the post holder and a senior representative of RPA. Find out [more about RPA here](#).