



Engagement: Higher Education Lead

The Role at a Glance

Role description	<p>The CCT Engagement Manager for Higher Education will be responsible for engaging the Higher Education Sector to accelerate progress on climate action within and beyond the sector.</p> <p>Working closely with partners across Higher Education globally, including the Network of Networks, the successful candidate will help accelerate action in Higher Education and ensure that the sector contributes meaningfully and effectively to the work programme of the HLCs and the Marrakech Partnership to deliver on the goals of the Paris Agreement.</p>
Contract type	Pro bono secondment, part time or full time
Contract duration	Start ASAP, ideally up to end 2024
Remuneration level	Covered by the seconding organisation
Location	Flexible. We are a global team, so the role may, require some travel
Annual leave	6 weeks unpaid leave
Reporting to	Nathan Cooper: CCT Department Director - Policy & Engagement
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The candidate is expected to work from home/ or the seconding organisations' office, 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. ● Out of town travel and other work related expenses will be reimbursed in line with the travel and expense policy
How to apply	<p>To register your interest in this role please send your applications via this form.</p> <p>Applications will be assessed on a rolling basis, with interviews of proposed candidates taking place virtually as soon as suitable candidates are put forward.</p>



Background

The Climate Champions Team provides support to the UN Climate Change High-Level Champions (HLCs) 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 Zero](#) and [Race to Resilience](#), as well as sector-focused systems transformation using the [Climate Action Pathways](#), [2030 Breakthroughs](#) and the [Sharm El Sheikh Adaptation Agenda \(SAA\)](#) launched at COP 27 by the COP Presidency in collaboration of the HLCs. 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.

To help us deliver on our plan for COP28 and beyond, we would like to welcome to the team an Engagement Manager for the Higher Education Sector. It is a role that provides an opportunity to work at what is arguably the most pressing challenge in the world today, and it will suit you if you are mission driven and thrive in fast-paced, ever-evolving and diverse teams.

Overview of the role

The Engagement Manager for Higher Education will be placed in the CCT Policy and Engagement Team, working with stakeholders across and critically, beyond the sector to accelerate climate action. You will help amplify leading practice and use this to further mobilise action and impact. The work covers both mobilisation of the sector and strengthening the role and impact of the sector in utilising science and innovation in tackling the climate crisis among partners in the private, public and civil society sectors.

Key responsibilities include:

- Support the existing work in engaging the Higher Education Sector in the Race to Zero and Race to Resilience. This involves working closely with the leads for RtZ for Universities and Colleges, EAUC and Second Nature.
- Ensuring that the Higher Education sector is well represented in the Marrakech Partnership and in suitable fora in the global climate action process, under the direction



of the HLCs and in line with the five year plan for the Improved Marrakech Partnership

- Work with higher education climate action networks to articulate and activate strategies for improved collective action in one more more priority areas of the work programme of the HLC
- Help strengthen links between research, science and knowledge mobilisation in the Breakthrough Agenda and in the delivery of the Sharm El Sheikh Adaptation Agenda.
- Ensure that leading practice and innovations are disseminated widely, as trailblazers for climate action at speed and scale
- Coordinate links between higher education networks and other non party stakeholders to drive cross-sectoral climate action and amplify good practice

About you

The successful candidate will have a strong understanding of, and networks across, the higher education sector globally. You will be a self-starter with proven ability to work collaboratively with stakeholders in a variety of context, with sensitivity to diversity and different contexts.

The following requirements are essential:

- Excellent understanding of the Higher Education Sector, likely with direct work experience of representing academia in external fora - whether partnership development/international collaboration/ knowledge transfer/policy engagement or external relations
- Experience of applied research and engagement, and able to strengthen the links between policy and practice
- Strong commitment to, and understanding of, climate action - ideally in a multilateral process
- Ability to join the dots and make connections across different groups of stakeholders and sectors
- Excellent process and project management skills, with ability to juggle multiple priorities and deadlines
- Excellent communications skills, both verbal and written
- Collaborative and collegial working style, and a strong team player, with strong interpersonal skills and diplomacy
- Ability to manage through ambiguity and change
- Commitment to the Climate Champions [core values](#)



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.