



AVIATION SECTOR LEAD

SYSTEMS TRANSFORMATION TEAM

Role at a glance

The role	<p>The Aviation Sector Lead will play a pivotal role in the High-Level Climate Champions’ Transport team.</p> <p>Their responsibilities will include shaping and delivering the sector’s strategy including high impact outcomes for a resilient, 1.5C aligned sector at COP29.</p>
Contract type	<p>Pro Bono Secondment. Remuneration for the role needs to be sponsored by your current employer.</p> <p>Please note, the Climate Champions Team is unable to fund this role. Prior to applying please ensure that your current employer would be willing to sponsor the role.</p>
Contract Duration/ Commitment	12 months, with the potential of extension/ Min 2.5 days a week
Start date	As soon as possible
Location	Flexible. We are a global team, so the role may, require some travel
Annual leave	In line with the seconding organisation
Reporting to	Transport Team Lead, Systems Transformation
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. • 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) via this form.</p> <p>Applications will be assessed on a rolling basis. Interviews will be held as soon as suitable candidates have been identified.</p>

Background

The Climate Champions Team provides support to the UN 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 Zero](#), [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.

The Aviation Sector Lead is critical to help us deliver on our plan for COP29 and beyond.

Overview of the role

Key responsibilities include:

As the Aviation Sector Lead, you have primary responsibility for shaping and implementing the High Level Champions sector objectives and strategies for the decarbonization of the Aviation sector. You would drive system transformation across the five levers - Policy, Technology/Supply, Demand, Finance, Civil Society - focusing on strengthening the aviation decarbonization narrative, mobilising commitments and actions on breakthrough targets, and mobilising finance to support SAF scaling.

You would be working closely with the Transport team lead and the Climate Champions Senior Leadership Team. The successful candidate will lead the implementation of this important workstream, working with a talented team and partners across the sector, governments, investor networks and not-for-profit organisations.

1. **Provide overall strategic direction and ensure delivery of the High Level Champions Aviation agenda** to accelerate progress in aligning Aviation systems with the most ambitious goals of the Paris Agreement, with a central focus on achieving net zero emissions globally before 2050, limiting global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees Celsius and building climate resilience across societies and the economy. This requires a systems approach and [systems change tools](#), considering demand and supply side actors, finance, employee and civil society groups, among others.
2. **Engage with senior stakeholders across all segments of the Aviation industry (OEMs, airlines, energy providers, customers and other key stakeholders)** and their climate action initiatives to build and amplify momentum in the Race to Zero and Race to Resilience. Support the High Level



Champions and Senior Leadership Team with appropriate proof points and talking points related to Aviation materials for high level engagements.

3. **Identify campaigns and initiatives** that will bring high impact outcomes to COP29 and beyond. Define and implement approaches to better integrate Aviation leadership into COP29 related opportunities across sectors and geographies.
4. **Oversee and support a work program**, led by others in the HLC team at the regional or sector specific level, with high impact deliverables to accelerate Aviation transformation in line with achieving a resilient 1.5C net zero emissions economy globally by 2050.
5. **Ensure integration of the High Level Champions Aviation work with the Marrakech Partnership** focal points and members to support the operationalization of the [‘Improved Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action for Enhancing Ambition 2021 – 2025’](#)
6. **Act as a bridge to national governments** to ensure Aviation ambition and action under the Race to Zero and Race to Resilience supports elevated ambition in Nationally Determined Contributions under the Paris Agreement.
7. **Represent the sector’s NSA communities** in co-creating ambitious plans with outgoing and incoming COP presidency teams.

As this is a new 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 acquired deep experience of climate action in the Aviation sector. You will be a highly motivated self-starter, happy working across different time zones and cultures in a high-profile, fast-paced environment. You are able to exercise sound judgement in engaging the Aviation and are experienced at building coalitions and fostering collaboration across a wide range of actors.

The following requirements are essential:

- Exceptional programme development and leadership skills
- Strong understanding of the Aviation industry and its sub-sectors (OEMs, Airlines, Energy)
- Experience working in the area of Aviation, preferably including in emerging markets and developing countries.
- Understanding of the role of the HLCs, of the COP process and of climate diplomacy.
- Proven track record of engaging effectively with senior level/C-suite public and private sector leaders
- Strong analytical skills and attention to detail



- Excellent team, process and project management skills, with ability to juggle multiple priorities and deadlines, and bring out the best in a diverse team across a broad range of global geographies and time zones
- Excellent communications skills, verbal and written
- Collaborative and collegial working style, and a strong team player
- Ability to manage ambiguity and change
- Committed to systemic transformation of the Aviation and good understanding of the levers for change to achieve the objectives of the Paris Agreement
- Determination to support climate action, and a 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. Prior to joining the team, you will be required to familiarise yourself with, and sign up to, the UNFCCC Code of Conduct. And 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

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