



EMDE FINANCE LEAD

The Role at a Glance

The Role	The EMDE Finance Lead will play a pivotal role in the Climate Champions' Finance Team. Their responsibilities will focus on raising the profile of investable opportunities and climate solutions in developing countries. The purpose of this role is to positively influence finance to flow at the pace and scale needed for mitigation, adaptation and nature to developing countries.
Contract type	Sponsored/pro bono secondment Note that CCT does not have funding for this position, so eligible candidates will need to have sponsorship from their employer
Contract duration/ Time commitment	12 months, with the potential of extension Minimum 3 days a week
Remuneration level	We expect the employer to be responsible for all matters relating to remuneration and benefits.
Start date	As soon as possible
Location	Flexible. We are a global team, so the role may require some travel.
Annual leave	Inline with their employers leave policy.
Reporting to	Sagarika Chatterjee, Department Director, Climate Finance.
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	Please submit your CV and brief cover letter (no more than one A4 page) via this form . Applications will be assessed on a rolling basis, with virtual interviews taking place as soon as suitable candidates have been identified.

Background

The Climate Champions Team provides support to the UN 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 HLCs 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..

To help us deliver on our plan for COP29 and beyond, we need an EMDE Finance Lead.

Overview of the role

As the EMDE finance lead, you will have primary responsibility for implementing the High Level Champions finance objectives and strategies, working closely with the High Level Climate Action Champions and the Climate Champions Senior Leadership Team. A successful candidate will be ready to lead the implementation of this important work area, working with a talented finance team and partners across the finance sector, UN Member States, and not-for-profit organisations.

Key responsibilities include:

1. Oversight and delivery: of the High Level Champions equitable finance work to accelerate progress toward aligning the global financial system with the most ambitious goals of the Paris Agreement. This work aims to mobilise finance for climate projects and solutions in emerging markets and developing countries, including mitigation, adaptation and nature.
2. Outreach: Engage with climate finance opinion-formers and financial institutions including commercial banks, MDBs, DFIs and institutional investors, on the Climate Champions' priorities towards COP29 and COP30. This will include amplifying the priority actions set out in *A Climate Finance Framework, IHLEG Report¹*, which sets out actions needed towards 2030.
3. Climate projects evaluation: Source and curate climate projects across a range of sectors and themes, matchmaking these to suitable financiers and stakeholders in the ecosystem. The climate projects aim to help deliver on the SDGs and Paris Agreement goals, with a focus on developing countries. This builds on the Regional Platform for Climate Projects² involving regional forums.
4. Collaboration: with targeted strategic partners working on climate projects and in the climate finance ecosystem. Collaboration will include co-ordinating with key partners and Climate Champions leads

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<https://www.lse.ac.uk/granthaminstitute/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/A-Climate-Finance-Framework-IHLEG-Report-2-SUMMARY.pdf>

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https://climatechampions.unfccc.int/team_member/regional-platforms-for-climate-projects-assets-to-flows-ii-one-year-on/



on Africa and the Latin America Caribbean region, the Race to Zero³, the Sharm Adaptation Agenda⁴, the 2030 Climate Solutions⁵, and Nature Positive for Climate Action⁶.

5. Integration of the High Level Champions finance work with the Marrakech Partnership finance focal points and partners to support the operationalization of the 'Improved Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action for Enhancing Ambition 2021 – 2025'

As this is a fast-evolving topic and finance 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 over 10 years' experience in finance. 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 will need to be 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 and across all sectors of the economy, policy and society.

The following requirements are essential:

- Passion for mobilising capital for developing countries, with private finance understanding.
- Experience of emerging markets and developing countries, in a transactions/decision-making role.
- Proven track record of engaging effectively with financial institutions.
- Strong financial analysis 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, and to engage with the UN system.
- 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

³ <https://climatechampions.unfccc.int/system/race-to-zero/>

⁴ <https://climatechampions.unfccc.int/system/sharm-el-sheikh-adaptation-agenda/>

⁵ <https://climatechampions.unfccc.int/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/2030-Climate-Solutions-Publication-Implementation-roadmap.pdf>

⁶ <https://climatechampions.unfccc.int/system/nature-positive-for-climate-action/>



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](#).