



Land Transport Specialist

SYSTEMS TRANSFORMATION TEAM

Role at a glance

The role	The Land Transport Specialist will play a pivotal role in the High-Level Climate Champions’ Transport team. Their responsibilities will include shaping and delivering the sector’s strategy including high impact outcomes for a resilient, 1.5C aligned sector at COP29
Contract type	Pro-bono secondment. Remuneration for this role needs to be sponsored by your current employer organisation..
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, with virtual interviews taking place in May 2024</p>
Contract information	<p>The Climate Champions Team is a programme of work under the not for profit administrative host body Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors (RPA).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Find out more about RPA here.</p>



Background

The Climate Champions Team provides support to the UN Climate Change 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, the team works to 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](#), [Sharm Adaptation Agenda](#), as well as sector-focused systems transformation using the [Climate Action Pathways](#), [2030 Breakthroughs](#), and [2030 Climate Solutions](#).

The Land Transport Specialist is critical to help us deliver on our plan for COP29 and beyond. 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

Key responsibilities include:

As the Land Transport Associate, you will work with the Land Transport Lead and in close collaboration with the entire Climate Champions team. Your responsibilities are tailored to directly support the strategic objectives and key results of the land transport sector's decarbonization efforts, with a focus on emissions mitigation, finance mobilisation and actions on Adaptation & Resilience Climate Solution..

You would drive system transformation across the five levers - Policy, Technology/Supply, Demand, Finance, Civil Society - focusing on strengthening the Land Transport decarbonization and adaptation narrative across the Rail, Road Transport (Zero Emission Vehicles) and Active Travel (Walking & Cycling)., mobilising commitments and actions on breakthrough targets, and mobilising finance to support Land Transport transformation.

- **Advocacy and Strategic Engagement:** Lead the advocacy efforts to secure the adoption of the CCT's Avoid and Shift (A&S) goals by key coalitions, aiming to establish sustainable Non-State Actor-led ambition loops. This involves strategic planning, stakeholder engagement, and facilitating CCT's transition to a supporting role.



- **Target Setting and NSA Commitment Mobilization:** Drive the process to define and secure commitments to new quantitative A&S targets aligned with global decarbonization efforts. Engage with diverse stakeholders to ensure broad support for these targets by COP29.
- **Financial Mobilisation for ZEV Transition:** Identify and support the development of innovative financing models for electric bus and electric truck projects, particularly focusing on mobilising private sector finance for ZEV initiatives in EMDEs.
- **Regional Engagement and Representation:** Enhance CCT's impact by engaging with regional representatives in key working groups, focusing on integrating EMDE perspectives into global decarbonization efforts. This includes liaising with regional delivery partners and contributing to regional strategy development.
- **Facilitation of Pilot Projects:** Support the launch of pilot electrification projects for informal transport in EMDEs, collaborating with financial institutions and delivery partners. This entails identifying potential projects, convening stakeholders, and leveraging the CCT network to aid in project development and financing.
- **Aggregation of Signals of Change:** Methodically collect and highlight key examples of mitigation and adaptation within the land transport sector that exemplify strategic alignment with the five levers of systems change: policy innovation, financial mechanisms, technological advancements, demand and supply shifts. Identify and detail innovative projects showcasing substantial progress in vehicle electrification and alternative mobility solutions contributing to emissions reduction. Share these examples to guide and motivate the sector towards accelerated decarbonization efforts.

In addition to these OKR-specific responsibilities, you are also tasked with:

- **Engage with stakeholders** across the Land Transport ecosystem and its climate action initiatives to build and amplify momentum in the Race to Zero and Race to Resilience.
- **Cross-Sector and Regional Program Support:** Support programs led by others within the CCT team at regional or sector-specific levels, ensuring that land transport transformation initiatives are integrated with broader climate action efforts.
- **Representation and Co-Creation:** Act as a liaison to national governments and co-create ambitious plans with COP presidency teams, ensuring that land transport initiatives support enhanced ambition in Nationally Determined Contributions under the Paris Agreement.

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 Land Transport 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 Land Transport actors 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 Land Transport, specifically Rail, Road Transport (Zero Emission Vehicles) and Active Travel (Walking & Cycling).
- Experience working in the area of Land Transport, 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 Land Transport 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.