



Senior consultant: Triple Agenda Policy Lead

Contract type	Consultancy
Duration	18 Months
Hours	Initially an average of 2.5 days/week but with flexibility required. Potential to increase days/week depending on funding.
Location	Home-based, ideally UK-based
Fees	In the region of £400/day, negotiable depending on experience

IIED is looking for a talented and experienced consultant to develop and then lead IIED's advocacy and engagement on 'triple agenda' (nature, climate, development) policy making and programming over the next 18 months, in the run-up to the biodiversity and climate COPs in 2021.

About IIED

IIED is a policy and action research organisation. We promote sustainable development to improve livelihoods and protect the environments on which these livelihoods are built. We specialise in linking local priorities to global challenges. Our mission is to build a fairer, more sustainable world, using evidence, action and influence, working in partnership with others.

IIED is based in London and works in Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Middle East and the Pacific, with some of the world's most vulnerable people. We work with them to strengthen their voice in the decision-making arenas that affect them – from village councils to international conventions.

In our [2019-2024 strategy: Make Change Happen](#) we share our intention to deliver original, rigorous research that helps to drive progress, support sustainable development and protect the environment. We identify local solutions that can work at scale and introduce these to global forums.

The role

The consultancy will initially focus most on our engagement with the policy processes associated with the development of the CBD's post-2020 global biodiversity framework. If further funding is secured, the consultancy may expand in the next few months to incorporate a closer focus on climate change diplomacy.

Key activities

In collaboration with staff at IIED, the consultant will:

1. Identify critical moments in Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and wider United Nations (Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the UN General Assembly (UNGA) and the Global Commission on Adaptation (GCA)) policy processes and negotiations to promote IIED policy positions including our work on:
 - a. Biodiversity as a development issue

- b. Nature based solutions
 - c. Devolved finance
 - d. Equitable governance and benefit sharing
 - e. Local voices
 - f. Least developed countries' (LDC) priorities
2. Design and coordinate an effective engagement and advocacy strategy for 2020/2021 including small and large events; interventions in negotiations; briefings and blogs; media outreach – working closely with IIED's Communications Group.
 3. Develop and/or strengthen strategic partnerships and relationships with relevant organisations and movements including international environment and development organisations, CBD Alliance, BOND Development and Environment Group (DEG), LDC governments, UK government departments, and UN agencies.
 4. Provide intellectual leadership on the triple agenda.
 5. Represent, and support IIED staff to represent IIED's work relating to the triple agenda at international and national events, conferences, and in meetings with a variety of stakeholders with an interest in international climate, nature and development policy and the inter-connections between them.

To apply: please send a CV and a covering letter outlining your suitability for the role to Dilys Roe (dilys.roe@iied.org) by midnight UK time on **30 May 2020**.

Skills and experience required

	Essential	Desirable
Qualifications	Relevant postgraduate degree, or a relevant degree and formal training qualification	
Knowledge	Excellent knowledge of CBD, UNFCCC and SDG policy and negotiation processes, as well as the key issues related to triple agenda thinking, demonstrated through a record of relevant innovative and influential work and/or publications	Excellent knowledge of UK political decision-making processes particularly in relation to DFID, DEFRA, FCO and UK involvement in international policy forums (G7, UNGA etc) Excellent knowledge of LDC and/or Chinese government decision makers and international engagement processes
Experience	Experience of working on climate and biodiversity issues particularly in the context of links with local and national development Proven experience of working with international policy frameworks and negotiations addressing nature, climate, development, inequality and poverty reduction Proven experience of engaging with international organisations, government agencies, academics, NGOs and other civil	Virtual conferencing; digital technology

	society organisations working on nature, climate, development including through large and small events	
	Proven research development, management and leadership experience demonstrated by track record of funding secured, outputs generated, policy impact achieved	
	Experience of creating, developing and/or working within consortia, networks, alliances, partnerships and international teams	
SKILLS	Excellent analytical and research skills	
	Excellent communications skills including digital comms	Ability to read and write in French and/or Spanish
	Excellent planning and organisational skills to manage own workload and co-ordinate the work of the team	
	Ability to think ahead to anticipate 'hot topics' issues and opportunities and delivering to tight deadlines	
	Proven ability to work in multidisciplinary and multicultural teams and effectively managing the related challenges and opportunities	

The position is supported by, but does not constitute employment with, IIED. The consultant will be responsible for their own tax, pension contributions, insurance etc.