

Institut für Klimafolgenforschung - Wissenschaft



Klima braucht Köpfe. Das Potsdam-Institut für Klimafolgenforschung e.V. (PIK) untersucht wissenschaftlich und gesellschaftlich relevante Fragestellungen. Es ist eine der weltweit führenden Forschungseinrichtungen auf seinem Gebiet und bietet Natur- und

SozialwissenschaftlerInnen aus aller Welt beste Voraussetzungen für exzellente interdisziplinäre Forschung.

Senior Scientist position (m/f/d)

(Position number: 18-2026 Senior Scientist RD 2) The position is funded until 31.12.2027. Remuneration is in accordance with the German public tariff scheme (TV-L Brandenburg), salary group E 13. This is a full-time position with a working time of 40 hours per week.

City: Potsdam; Starting date (earliest): 01/08/26; Remuneration: with the German public tariff scheme (TV-L Brandenburg), salary group E 13

Tasks

We are looking for a senior scientist to join our team working on the economics of climate change adaptation, land tenure formalization reforms in forest areas, and climate service provision in agricultural settings. The aim is to use applied econometric methods to study the impact of specific interventions, including the design and implementation of experimental studies to analyze behavioural mechanisms. The geographic focus is mainly on low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). Working together with other researchers, governments, and international organizations primarily in sub-Saharan Africa and Asia, we conduct applied research that can inform policy-making and program design, with the aim to support risk management and adaptation to climate change. The work is carried out within different third-party funded projects and in cooperation with climate scientists, agricultural modelers and economists.

Key responsibilities:

- conduct econometric research on agricultural risk management, natural resource governance, and adaptation to climate change, with a focus on LMICs
- coordinate and contribute to the implementation of research projects through close collaboration with other researchers at PIK as well as the involved stakeholders in the target countries
- coordinate large-scale primary data collections (household surveys) in LMICs
- write and publish articles in peer-reviewed journals that highlight findings from the research projects and present research findings at international conferences
- liaise and maintain communication with project donors, responding to information requests, preparing project progress reports and policy briefs

Requirements

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- you hold a PhD in development economics, agricultural economics, or related fields with a quantitative orientation, with a minimum of 6 years experience post-PhD
- knowledge and work experience in tropical agriculture, sustainable development, and climate impact analysis is needed
- you have profound experience with applied econometric research, in particular experimental methods
- you have expertise in data analysis, with programming skills in Stata. Experience with other programming languages and GIS is desirable
- experience with primary data collection, including coordinative tasks and survey design, is required
- experience in project management and development of research proposals is valuable
- expertise on land tenure formalization reforms and/or climate service provision for farmers is an asset
- work experience in LMICs is needed as well as the willingness to travel to these countries
- you have strong analytical and scientific writing skills, excellent communication skills, and you are fluent in oral and written English; proficiency in French is an asset

What we offer

We offer:

- opportunities for cooperation with PIK's national and international network of leading climate and agricultural research institutes,
- participation in user-driven research projects with international partners,
- the chance to be part of a creative and interdisciplinary team,
- a stimulating working environment in an internationally recognised research institute on Potsdam's beautiful, historic Telegrafenberg campus, a short commuting distance from Berlin,
- company KITA/kids day nursery "Geolino" directly in the science park on Telegrafenberg, within walking distance of PIK
- flexi-time and mobile working (up to 50% of your hours),
- a collective pay scheme and associated benefits as well as a subsidized travel card or the Deutschland-Ticket Job
- free-charging stations for e-bikes on Telegrafenberg campus

Application

Please apply directly via our application form below this job advertisement on our website. The application process remains open until the position is filled.

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Offer visible until 09/07/26

