

CLIMATE OPPORTUNITIES BULLETIN



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Dear All,

I hope you are doing well. We are pleased to share several exciting opportunities in the climate space that may be of interest to members of our Community of Practice. Please note that the purpose of this communication is solely to inform you of available opportunities and does not come with any funding commitment from us or any guarantee of participation.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND CALLS FOR SUBMISSIONS

Climate Alliance International Conference (CAIC25)



The 2025 Climate Alliance International Conference (CAIC25) organized by Climate Alliance and the City of Cologne in cooperation with NRW.Energy4Climate, the regional organization for energy and climate protection, and Kommunal Agentur NRW is predicated on the need to combat energy poverty, plan local heating and cooling networks, and adapt our cities and towns to a changing climate all squarely take place on a municipal level.

This conference plans to showcase municipalities and regions that are taking climate matters into their own hands because when it comes to communicating with citizens on climate action, fostering the energy transition on the ground and developing global climate partnerships, cities and towns are drivers urgently needed.

- **Registration Deadline:** June 30, 2025
- **Conference date:** July 9 - 11, 2025
- **Location:** Cologne, Germany
- [Read more and register here](#)

15th meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties



Every three years, representatives of the governments of each of the 172 Contracting Parties meet as the Conference of the Contracting Parties (COP), to agree on a work program and budgetary arrangements for the next triennium and consider guidance on a range of ongoing and emerging environmental issues. Representatives of non-member states, intergovernmental institutions and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) also participate in these meetings as non-voting observers.

This year's conference aims to strengthen international commitments for wetland conservation under the theme "Protecting Wetlands for Our Common Future". The conference will focus on the ecological health, biodiversity, and climate resilience provided by wetlands, and create collaborative conservation avenues and promote sustainable practices for wetland ecosystems.

- **Conference date:** July 23-31, 2025
- **Location:** Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe
- [Read more and register](#)

13th International Conference on Sustainable Development – Call for Abstracts



The International Conference on Sustainable Development is organized by the European Center of Sustainable Development in collaboration with CIT University. The 13th ICSD 2025 draws inspiration from the pressing challenges of environmental, economic, and socio-cultural sustainability, addressing the needs of present and future generations within a global-scale context.

This year's conference with the theme "Creating a unified foundation for the Sustainable Development: research, practice and education" will once again provide a forum for the sharing of ideas, presentation of research findings, and discussion of professional issues relevant to Sustainability Science.

Abstracts should be submitted in the range of the following streams within the ICSD2025 program:

- Economic Sustainability
- Environmental Sustainability
- Socio-Cultural Sustainability

- **Conference date:** September 10-11, 2025
- **Location:** Rome, Italy
- **Submission Deadline:** July 30, 2025
- [Read more and make submissions](#)

International Conference on Natural Hazards & Infrastructure 2026 (ICONHIC 2026) – Call for Abstracts



A global conference on infrastructure resilience to natural hazards and climate risks, to be held in Chania, Greece. Organized by the Innovation Center on Natural Hazards and Infrastructure, ICONHIC2026 will cover a wide spectrum of topics – including climate-related disasters, risk and resilience management strategies, urban adaptation and sustainability, governance and policy for resilience, risk financing/insurance, and resilient infrastructure technologies

For abstract submissions (for both papers and session proposals). Acceptance notifications are on a rolling basis (~3 weeks after submission).

Open to scholars, engineers, and practitioners globally in fields of climate risk, disaster management, civil infrastructure, urban planning, finance, and policy. Submissions should align with the conference themes of climate hazards and innovative resilience solutions.

- **Submission closes:** September 10, 2025
- **Conference date:** June 29 – July 2, 2026
- **Location:** Chania, Greece
- [Read more and make your submissions](#)

UNU-WIDER Workshop Special Issue on Climate Change - Call for Papers



The United Nations University World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER), in collaboration with a leading journal in environmental and resource economics, invites submissions for a special issue on climate challenges in low- and middle-income countries. The issue will feature research exploring economic complexities and opportunities related to climate change.

- **Conference date:** September 30, 2025
- **Date of Workshop:** Second quarter of 2026.
- [Read more and make your submissions](#)

Disaster Risk Reduction in Fragile, Conflict-Affected, and Vulnerable (FCV) Contexts: Strategies for Protracted Crises (ISTANBUL) – Call for Abstracts



The multi-day conference at Marmara University will feature both in-person and online paper presentations, roundtable discussions, and keynotes, as well as a social element for in-person attendees. The theme for the conference is Humanitarianism in Crisis: New Realities in Practices and Knowledge.

Disaster Risk Reduction in Fragile, Conflict-Affected, and Vulnerable (FCV) Contexts: Strategies for Protracted Crises panel invites presentations that deepen understanding of the disaster-conflict interface, **moving beyond the recognition of their interrelation** to examine nuances of these dynamics and how they unfold in practice. These perspectives can be conceptual, empirical, and operational, coming from researchers, practitioners, and policymakers.

- **Registration closes:** June 30, 2025
- **Conference date:** October 15 - 17, 2025
- **Location:** Istanbul
- [Read more and make your submissions](#)

Decolonizing Climate Change Adaptation – Call for Book Chapters

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Decolonizing Climate Change Adaptation

Editors: Dr Harrison Esam Awuh (Utrecht University, The Netherlands), Dr Bishawjit Mallick (Utrecht University, The Netherlands), Dr Ranjan Datta (Mount Royal University, Canada), and Dr Oluwabukola Salami (University of Calgary, Canada).

The Decolonizing Climate Change Adaptation, to be published by Edward Elgar Publishing, critically addresses how current climate change adaptation governance continues to largely exploit and marginalize vulnerable nations and communities in the Global South and North.

Through a careful examination of concepts/theories of coloniality and decoloniality, global development and sound empirical cases, the book explores how decolonizing climate governance is critical and urgent to create alternative narratives, institutions, and practices that challenge the dominant ideology and power structures. This approach can identify openings for transformative change necessary to break away from a dependence on Global North approaches in climate change adaptation.

- **Submission closes:** October 31, 2025
- [Read more and make your submissions](#)

UPCOMING
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Connecting Indigenous Research Leadership in Canada and the Global South – Call for Proposals



The International Development Research Centre (IDRC) is pleased to announce a call for proposals to connect Indigenous research and leadership in Canada and the Global South to complement the Tri-agency strategic funding opportunity Indigenous Capacity and Leadership in Research Connection Grants being led by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

This call for proposals is a dedicated funding opportunity for Indigenous organizations in the Global South that are interested in connecting with First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities in Canada through knowledge-sharing activities. The purpose is to co-develop an interdisciplinary, Indigenous research agenda and build alliances between Indigenous researchers in the Global South and First Nations, Métis and Inuit researchers in Canada that may lead to broader joint research endeavors in the future.

Applicants are encouraged to submit projects that are holistic and interdisciplinary and that reflect the full range of collaboration across disciplines and subject areas within one or more of IDRC's five thematic areas, including climate-Resilient Food Systems

- **Submission closes:** September 23, 2025
- **Award value:** Up to CAD100,000
- [Read more and submit your applications](#)

Ellerman Foundation New Funding Guidelines for 2025–2030: Multi-Year Core Costs Grants Now Open Year-Round

John Ellerman Foundation

The Ellerman Foundation's new method is dedicated to supporting charitable organizations that champion the rights of individuals, communities, and ecosystems, and whose missions are aligned with making certain a simply and resilient future for each present and coming generations. This new strategic framework emerges in response to a period outlined by world disruption, environmental degradation, and deepening inequality, and it seeks to allow systemic and long-term options by way of sustained help of organizations engaged on the frontlines of those challenges.

Organizations eligible to apply have to be:

- Charitable entities (sometimes registered charities within the UK, however worldwide candidates with charitable functions may additionally be thought-about)
- Working to advance systemic change in a number of the Foundation's focus areas
- Demonstrating a deep-rooted dedication to safeguarding each individuals and the planet
- Committed to justice, fairness, and intergenerational wellbeing

- **Award value:** Up to £180k
- **Submission closes:** Not stated
- [Read more and make your submissions](#)

Velux Stiftung – Sustainable Forest Management Research – A Call for Proposals

VELUX STIFTUNG

Call for proposals 2025

Challenges in forest management Climate change, biodiversity, ecosystem services & forest products

Grants for projects that address climate change adaptation or mitigation in forest ecosystems while promoting biodiversity and sustainable provision of ecosystem services. Open to implementation-oriented research projects (1–4 years) in any region (boreal, temperate, or tropical forests)

- **Submission closes:** 22 September 2025,
- **Award value:** Up to CHF 100'000 per year
- [Read more and submit your applications](#)

CTI PFAN Climate & Clean Energy Financing – Call for Applications



The Climate Technology Initiative (CTI PFAN) provides funding to climate or clean energy projects. PFAN accepts applications for projects in low- and middle-income countries in Sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia, Southeast Asia, the Pacific Islands, Eastern Europe, Central Asia, Central America, and the Caribbean Islands. Projects may request between US\$1 million and US\$50 million.

Projects providing energy access or rural electrification (clean cookstoves, solar home systems, mini-grids) may request smaller sums between US\$500 thousand and US\$50 million. Proposals are invited from companies, individuals, or legal persons; public-private partnerships; and entities that are legally structured to redistribute profits. Applications can be submitted anytime and are evaluated quarterly.

- **Submission closes:** July 6, 2025
- **Award value:** Up to US\$50 million
- [Read more and make your submissions](#)

World Water Challenge – Call for Solutions



World Water Challenge is an international contest hosted by the Ministry of Environment of Korea and organized by Korea Water Forum for water solutions. It was created as a special program of the Science and Technology Process in the 7th World Water Forum to identify imminent global water issues and to find feasible solutions based on the core value of "Implementation."

World Water Challenge holds as one of the signature programs of Korea International Water Week. It is expected to serve its role as an important platform to share not only innovative scientific/technological methods but also policies towards solving defined water challenges around the world and to build a broad network among experts and stakeholders in the water sector as well as solution providers.

The solution providers are kindly requested to submit their proposals through the web-based submission system (on the KIWW website).
Solution submission can only be proceeded after online registration for the KIWW website.

- **Submission closes:** July 25, 2025
- [Read more and submit your applications](#)

UPCOMING CAPACITY BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES

Yale Emerging Climate Leaders Fellowship - Call for Applications



The Yale Jackson School of Global Affairs has launched the call for applications for the 2026 Emerging Climate Leadership Fellowship. This fellowship aims to create a community of committed clean energy and climate change leaders from emerging and developing countries, enriched by engagement with top Yale faculty and researchers, and leading global authorities in the clean energy transition from the International Energy Agency and beyond.

Applicants should be between five and 10 years into their professional careers, with demonstrated accomplishments at a regional, national, or international level and from the Global South.

- **Location:** Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut
- **Training Dates:** February 16-20, 2026
- **Application Deadline:** August 1, 2025
- [Read more and submit your applications.](#)

ARUA Early-Career Research Fellowship 2025



The African Research Universities Alliance (ARUA), with support from the Mastercard Foundation and the Carnegie Corporation of New York, is launching this Early-Career Research Fellowship program. The initiative will fund up to forty-two (42) early-career researchers to conduct globally competitive research at the host and affiliated institutions of ARUA's thirteen (13) Centers of Excellence (CoEs).

The program aims to enhance the capacity of early-career researchers at African universities by providing them with time away from teaching duties at their home institutions to collaborate with highly experienced and distinguished researchers at ARUA Centers of Excellence (CoEs). Each CoE is expected to host research fellows from countries other than its own. Each fellowship will last six months, between July 2025 and June 2026.

A maximum of four fellows will be assigned to each CoE, with all positions filled by December 2025. At least 70% of the fellowships are reserved for female candidates, and applicants must be no older than 35 years at the time of application.

Applicants must be African nationals who have a PhD (or be within 5 years of completing their PhD) in a discipline/sub-discipline

- **Application Deadline:** December, 2025

World Bank Group Africa Fellowship Program- Call for Applications



The Africa region of the World Bank Group (WBG) is seeking applications for the upcoming 2026 WBG Africa Fellowship Program for Ph.D. candidates and recent Ph.D. graduates (especially women) who are Sub-Saharan Africa nationals. Through the fellowship, the organization aims to build the capacity of the next generation of African change makers in development research, policymaking and promote the goals of reducing poverty in the region.

The program offers selected fellows a six-month assignment at WBG offices in Washington D.C. or in country offices to gain hands-on experience in WBG operations. This includes knowledge generation and dissemination, design of global and country policies, and the building of institutions to achieve inclusive growth in developing countries. While benefiting from research and innovation in multiple sectors, fellows will also work on research, economic policy, technical assistance, and lending operations that contribute to the World Bank's goal of eliminating poverty and increasing shared prosperity in its departments, including climate finance mobilization.

- [Read more and submit your applications.](#)

- **Fellowship Date:** January 20, 2026
- **Application Deadline:** Not Specified
- [Read more and submit your application](#)

Call for application: Planetary Health Postdoctoral Fellowship



The Planetary Health Postdoctoral Fellowship is founded by the Stanford University Center for Innovation in Global Health. The fellowship is run in partnership with the Centre on Climate Change & Planetary Health (CCCPH) at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM), the Stanford Center for Human and Planetary Health, and the Center for Innovation in Global Health.

Through two-year fellowships, the program supports early-career researchers in conducting cutting-edge, interdisciplinary research focused on developing solutions that simultaneously promote health, environmental stewardship, and social impact. The 2026 round will be recruiting two fellows: one to be based at LSHTM, and one to be based at Stanford University, with separate recruitment processes for each.

Priority will be given to research ideas focusing on ways to reduce or reverse environmental degradation (including climate change) or ways to adapt to a changing environment that can have benefits for human health. Fellows will be mentored and supported by designated Faculty at both institutions throughout the full two years of their Fellowship. This fellowship program is open to researchers from anywhere in the world who are within three years of successfully completing their doctoral degree. Prior research output in the intersection of health and environmental science is a prerequisite.

- **Application Deadline:** July 11, 2025
- [Read more and submit your application](#)

African Youth Bootcamp for Climate (AYBC)



The African Youth Bootcamp for Climate (AYBC) is a bootcamp designed to equip Africa's next green leaders with knowledge, skills and networks to scale sustainable startups and initiatives across the continent. This fully-funded 6-month program is designed to transform climate solutions from ideas to impactful initiatives that drive change across Africa.

The core objective of this program is to nurture the next generation of Green Climate Leaders in Africa, not just through a bootcamp, but by supporting their solutions and initiatives to pilot, scale, and drive lasting impact. Aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Africa Next Green Leaders Ecelerator (ANGLE) seeks innovative green solutions and initiatives that address today's most pressing environmental and climate challenges in:

- **Energy Access:** Ensuring affordable, reliable, and sustainable clean energy for underserved and energy-poor communities.
- **Sustainable Agri-Food Systems:** Transforming climate-resilient agricultural production and agri-food systems from farm to fork while safeguarding ecosystem health.
- **Climate Resilience & Sustainability:** Building climate-resilient communities and ecosystems while advancing the triple bottom line of people, planet, and prosperity.

Beyond the bootcamp, participants gain access to a lifelong network of climate leaders across Africa, ongoing mentorship opportunities, and continued support to help scale their solutions for maximum impact.

Applicants must be dynamic African youths between 18 and 35 and passionate about solving real environmental challenges.

- **Location:** Nairobi Kenya
- **Application Deadline:** June 30, 2025
- **Workshop Dates:** August 10- 16, 2025
- [Read more and submit your application](#)

Join the Forum: Vacancy for East or Southern Africa Representative

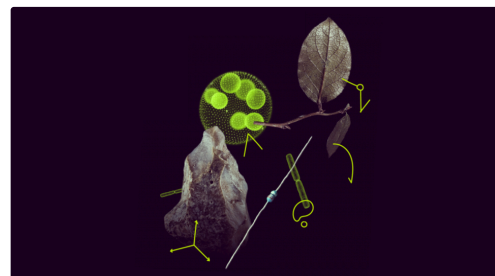


The Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities Engagement Forum is seeking a new member who will represent East or Southern Africa.

The position offers an exceptional opportunity to help create a voluntary carbon market of high integrity, which protects the rights of Indigenous Peoples and supports local communities. The Forum members lead the development of unified policy positions while building leadership capacity to maintain Indigenous voices as central to carbon market governance.

- **Application Deadline:** July 11, 2025
- [Read more and submit your application](#)

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions - Postdoctoral Fellowships



The objective of PFs is to support researchers' careers and foster excellence in research. The Postdoctoral Fellowships action targets researchers holding a PhD who wish to carry out their research activities

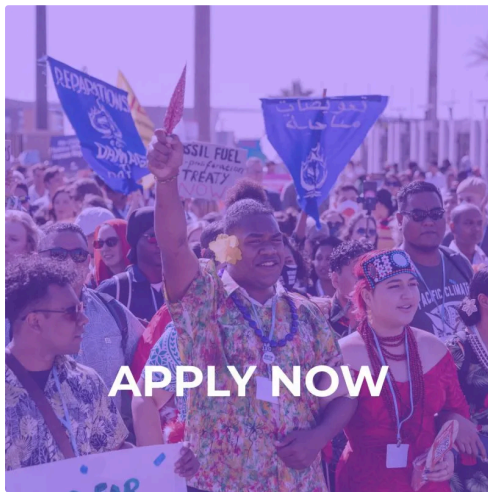
abroad, acquire new skills and develop their careers. PFs help researchers gain experience in other countries, disciplines and non-academic sectors.

There are 2 types of Postdoctoral Fellowships:

1. **European Postdoctoral Fellowships.** They are open to researchers moving within Europe or coming to Europe from another part of the world to pursue their research career. These fellowships take place in an EU Member State or Horizon Europe Associated Country and can last between 1 and 2 years. Researchers of any nationality can apply.
2. **Global Postdoctoral Fellowships.** They fund the mobility of researchers outside Europe. The fellowship lasts between 2 to 3 years, of which the first 1 to 2 years will be spent in a non-associated Third Country, followed by a mandatory return phase of 1 year to an organisation based in an EU Member State or Horizon Europe Associated Country. Only nationals or long-term residents of the EU Member States or Horizon Europe Associated Countries can apply.

- **Application Deadline:** September 10, 2025
- [Read more and submit your application](#)

Climate Justice Squad Fellowship 2.0 — Call for Applications



The Climate Justice Squad Fellowship enables young climate activists to grow their impact and collaborate on a global scale. The one-year program will provide mentorship, training, structured spaces to create strong connections and alliances between the fellows and their movements, and monthly stipends. The fellowship will be run bilingually with materials and documents available in English and Spanish.

The fellowship aims to provide a structured space to enable the fellows and their movements to collaborate on a joint campaign or project, especially with the lead up to COP 31.

- **Submission closes:** August 1, 2025
- [Read more and make your submissions](#)

CHINA: Chinese Government Scholarship 2026/2027 — Call for Applications



The Chinese Government is offering scholarships for South African students to study at Chinese institutions starting in the 2026/27 academic year. The Department of Higher Education (the Department) is responsible for nominating candidates. The scholarship is offering undergraduate (Bachelors) studies and postgraduate (Master's or PhD) studies in a variety of study fields, as well as non-degree Chinese language studies, including Environment and Climate change.

Bachelor's programmes are taught in Chinese, however a Chinese language proficiency certificate is not a requirement to apply. Postgraduate programmes are taught in English.

- **Application Deadline:** November 2025
- [Read more and submit your application](#)

If you have relevant opportunities to share with the Community of Practice, please send them to Gina Edward-Uwadiale at G.edward-uwadiale@cgiar.org for inclusion in future communications.