



Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies e.V.

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The Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies e.V. (IASS) in Potsdam is an interdisciplinary research institute encompassing three research clusters: Earth, Energy and Environment, Sustainable Interactions with the Atmosphere and Global Contract for Sustainability. We conduct research in a transdisciplinary way to facilitate the interaction between science and societal decision taking. For further information, see: [www.iass-potsdam.de](http://www.iass-potsdam.de).

### **Research Fellow Global Soil Forum (m/f)**

IASS currently seeks applications for a research associate of the Global Soil Forum. The Global Soil Forum is a unit of the Global Contract for Sustainability research cluster. It is a knowledge broker and process facilitator working towards sustainable soil management. The offered position is within a cooperation with the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). IFAD is a specialized agency of the United Nations dedicated to the eradication of rural poverty in developing countries that works with local partner organizations. The project deals with pro-poor resource governance in the area of sustainable land use under the conditions of climate change. It aims at identifying practices, technologies and institutions that reduce the livelihood vulnerability in seven showcase countries. The project approaches this question by documenting and analyzing the experiences of civil society organizations working towards pro-poor resource governance.

#### **Specifically, the position entails**

- Contributing to the research approach and analytical framework of the project
- Cooperation with IFAD country managers in Latin America to identify projects to be examined
- Field work to accompany the case studies in Brasilia, Bolivia and Ecuador
- Liaison with IFAD staff and in-country partners
- Analysis and synthesis of the research findings

#### **What we offer**

- A position in sustainability research that links science with decision-taking in civil society, and international development policy.
- A dynamic working environment within a young team.
- The possibility to conduct transdisciplinary research on the ground

#### **Requirements**

- Master or PhD in Development Studies, Environmental Governance, Geography, Political Sciences or related field.
- Ability and willingness to travel and fitness for service in the tropics
- Background in resource governance and development policy
- Experience in conducting field research
- Ability to work in a team and to fulfill the responsibilities in the team independently and in a results-oriented manner.
- Fluency in English and good working knowledge in Spanish and Portuguese. Working knowledge of German is an asset.



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*Are you interested in joining a dedicated, exciting team in a strongly transdisciplinary environment?*

The position will run until September 2013. Applications (including a covering letter and full CV and naming two referees) should be received no later than Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> June 2012 by e-mail to:

**Mrs Judith Rosendahl (mail to: [judith.rosendahl@iass-potsdam.de](mailto:judith.rosendahl@iass-potsdam.de)).**

For further information and details on this position please contact Mrs. Judith Rosendahl.

The position is available immediately. The position will be filled as an IASS international fellowship (tax-free stipend), which allows substantial flexibility and freedom to carry out the overall task as the researcher deems appropriate. The IASS particularly encourages applications from female researchers; handicapped applicants will be given preference in case of equal qualifications.