



Posting Title: Senior Advisor – Ambition 1.5°C

Location: New York, United States or Copenhagen, Denmark

POSITION SUMMARY

The UN Global Compact is the largest corporate sustainability initiative in the world. With over 12,000 participants in more than 100 countries, the UN Global Compact has an unparalleled global reach and the exclusive opportunity to activate a diverse network of business, investors, Government, UN and civil society stakeholders to advance sustainable development.

Central to the UN Global Compact's strategy are the nearly 70 Global Compact Networks around the world, driving business implementation of the UN Global Compact's Ten Principles and the Sustainable Development Goals at the national and regional levels.

The Senior Manager – Ambition 1.5°C will be responsible for supporting the successful development and roll out of the new Ambition 1.5°C Global Impact Initiative (GII) worldwide, based on the UN Global Compact's climate portfolio. GIIs are accelerator programs designed to mainstream proven and established sustainable business practices, scaling the collective impact of business toward the achievement of the SDGs, addressing Climate Change and advancing Gender Equality. GIIs are rolled out at the country level in collaboration with Global Compact Local Networks.

Three years into the Paris Agreement, existing pledges put the world on a 3.9°C trajectory when it is clear that it is critical to keep our planet's warming to 1.5°C or less. This existential crisis requires urgent and ambitious action from both governments and companies. Ambition 1.5°C will challenge and support 1,000+ companies across the world to set science-based targets and publicly support enhanced climate policy at national, regional or city level.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Manage the successful development and implementation of Ambition 1.5°C initiative, including overseeing program design, content, and enabling technologies;
- Ensure all elements of Ambition 1.5°C are developed on time, on budget, and in alignment with mission;
- Manage and cultivate relationships with partners and key stakeholders to facilitate program development and delivery;
- Provide leadership, direction and to support to Local Networks around the world as they launch and implement Ambition 1.5°C in their countries annually;
- Develop materials to support fundraising efforts for Ambition 1.5°C, in collaboration with Fundraising Team;
- Plan and facilitate workshops, webinars and other interactive sessions in the context of the GII to engage companies in activities that contribute to enhance the capacity of business to implement climate action, particularly on responsible policy engagement, science based targets and other global commitments supporting the Paris Agreement and the 2030 Development Agenda;



- Promote Ambition 1.5°C globally through presentations, and drafting of communications, talking points, and key messages for leadership;
- Collaborate and seek guidance from the UN Global Compact Climate Team, its Science Based Targets initiative and leads of other GIIs to ensure coherence of approach across issue areas;
- Provide timely updates on Ambition 1.5°C to leadership and Local Networks;
- Support Local Networks in navigating partnerships at the country level, helping to identify strategic opportunities and find solutions to challenges as needed
- Lead regular planning webinars and meetings to support, track and report on progress across participating Networks; and,
- Coordinate with Marketing, Communications, Fundraising, Programmes and other internal teams to deliver on the objectives of GIIs.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Advanced university degree (Master's degree or equivalent) in business administration, international relations, social sciences, management, law or a related field.
- At least 8 to 10 years of progressively responsible experience in project or programme management related to business and climate change is required.
- Relevant experience with business climate strategies and climate policies, ideally from across different countries
- Experience in managing strategic partnerships and strategic affairs, including outreach/resource mobilization or fundraising is desirable.
- Exceptional project management and communication skills.
- Strong analytic, problem-solving and project management skills.
- Experience in management consulting is preferred.
- Excellent communicator in English, both verbally and in writing.
- Super-user of digital and productivity applications and tools

Core Values:

- **Integrity:** Demonstrates the values of the United Nations in daily activities and behaviours; acts without consideration of personal gain; resists undue political pressure in decision-making; does not abuse power or authority; stands by decisions that are in the Organization's interest, even if they are unpopular; and takes prompt action in cases of unprofessional or unethical behavior.
- **Professionalism:** Shows pride in work and in achievements; demonstrates professional competence and mastery of subject matter; is conscientious and efficient in meeting commitments, observing deadlines and achieving results; is motivated by professional rather than personal concerns; shows persistence when faced with difficult problems or challenges; and remains calm in stressful situations.



- **Respect for Diversity:** Works effectively with people from all backgrounds; treats all people with dignity and respect; treats men and women equally; shows respect for and understanding of diverse points of view and demonstrates this understanding in daily work and decision-making; examines own biases and behaviours to avoid stereotypical responses; and does not discriminate against any individual or group.

Competencies:

- **Professionalism:** Knowledge of relevant UN Global Compact issue areas and workstreams; shows pride in work and in achievements; demonstrates professional competence and mastery of subject matter; is conscientious and efficient in meeting commitments, observing deadlines and achieving results; is motivated by professional rather than personal concerns; shows persistence when faced with difficult problems or challenges; remains calm in stressful situations.
- **Teamwork:** solicits input by genuinely valuing others' ideas and expertise; is willing to learn from others. Works collaboratively with colleagues to achieve organizational goals. Places team agenda before personal agenda. Supports and acts in accordance with final group decision, even when such decisions may not entirely reflect own position. Shares credit for team accomplishments and accepts joint responsibility for team shortcomings.
- **Communication:** Speaks and writes clearly and effectively; listens to others, correctly interprets messages from others and responds appropriately; asks questions to clarify, and exhibits interest in having two-way communication; tailors language, tone, style and format to match audience; demonstrates openness in sharing information and keeping people informed.
- **Technological Awareness:** Keeps abreast of available technology; understands applicability and limitation of technology to the work of the office; actively seeks to apply technology to appropriate tasks; shows willingness to learn new technology.

RECRUITMENT PROCESS

Please include the below documents in your email submission to hquiries@unglobalcompact.org with the subject heading "Senior Advisor – Ambition 1.5C":

- Cover letter
- Resume/ CV

Applications will be accepted until 30 March 2020.

Given the anticipated volume of submissions, we will likely only contact select candidates.