



EMDE FINANCE LEAD

The Role at a Glance

The Role	The EMDE Finance Lead will play a pivotal role in the Climate Champions' Finance Team. Their responsibilities will focus on raising the profile of climate investment opportunities in developing countries. The purpose of this role is to positively influence finance to flow at the pace and scale needed for mitigation, adaptation and nature, with COP30 a key milestone.
Contract type	Sponsored/pro bono secondment. Please note, the Climate Champions Team is unable to fund this role. Prior to applying please ensure that your current employer would be willing to sponsor the role. We do not accept volunteers for this position, the arrangement will need to be with an established organisation.
Contract duration	12 months, with the potential of extension Minimum 3 days a week
Expenses	All travel and expenses needs be covered by the pro bono partner
Start date	As soon as possible
Location	Flexible. We are a global team, so the role may require some travel.
Annual leave	Inline with their employers leave policy.
Reporting to	Sagarika Chatterjee, Department Director, Climate Finance.
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The candidate is expected to work from home, with occasional travel as and when requested. • In some locations, a collaborative office space may be available. • The candidate is expected to provide and maintain their own ICT and work tools.
Recruitment process	<p>Please submit your CV and brief cover letter (no more than one A4 page) via this form.</p> <p>Applications will be assessed, and interviews will be held, on a rolling basis. We aim for the candidate to start as soon as possible and no later than 1st June.</p>
Contract information	The Climate Champions Team is a programme of work under the not for profit administrative host body Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors (RPA). The pro bono secondment agreement will be drafted within the Climate Champions Team and signed by the employer of the successful candidate and a senior representative of RPA. Find out more about RPA here .
Code of Conduct	As a member of the Climate Champions Team you are required to adhere to the highest standards of conduct and behaviour, protecting the integrity of the mandate from Parties, the UNFCCC process, the UNFCCC institution and the COP presidency. Shortly after joining, there will be a number of mandatory induction meetings to ensure you have the information and tools needed to work to the highest standards.



Background

The Climate Champions Team is an independently hosted team of experts dedicated to supporting the current pair of UN Climate Change High-Level Champions (HLCs). HLCs are appointed each year to act on behalf of the President of the annual UNFCCC Climate Conference (COP), and hold a unique mandate : to mobilise businesses, investors, cities, regions and civil society and act as a bridge between non-state actors and national governments to reach the goals of the Paris Agreement.

The work of the Climate Champions Team is guided by a [five year plan](#) published by the HLCs and welcomed by Parties at COP 26, which sets out a multi-year vision for the work, and an overview of the main tools and approaches. These include working with a diverse array of partners around the globe to align, activate, and accelerate action and climate solutions across adaptation, mitigation and finance. The CCT supports the HLCs to run the global campaigns of [Race to Zero](#) and [Race to Resilience](#), and to work closely with partners in the Marrakech Partnership and beyond to drive collaboration to achieve the [2030 Climate Solutions](#) - a solutions roadmap based on the [2030 Breakthroughs](#) and [Sharm Adaptation Agenda](#).

HLC and Climate Champions Teams priorities and work are further informed by the COP28 outcomes, in which Parties encouraged the High-Level Champions and Non-Party Stakeholders to consider the [outcomes of the first Global Stocktake](#) in their work with voluntary initiatives and coalitions. At COP29, Parties unanimously [renewed the mandate of the High-Level Champions for 2026-2030](#) and welcomed the continuation of the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action, recognizing the critical role of Non-Party Stakeholders implementing the Paris Agreement.

To help us deliver on our plan for COP30 and beyond, we need an EMDE Finance Lead.

Overview of the role

As the EMDE finance lead, you will have primary responsibility for implementing the High Level Champions finance objectives and strategies, working closely with the HLC's and the Climate Champions Senior Leadership Team. A successful candidate will be ready to lead the implementation of this important work area, working with a talented finance team and partners across the finance sector, UN Member States, and not-for-profit organisations.

Key responsibilities include:

1. Oversight and delivery towards COP30 on EMDE finance: accelerate progress toward aligning the global financial system with the most ambitious goals of the Paris Agreement, with a focus on mobilising finance from all sources to developing countries. The scope covers mitigation,



adaptation, nature, and sectors. COP30 will include profiling exceptional finance examples and initiatives delivering finance to developing countries, with the support of the Marrakech Partnership.

2. Outreach: Engage with financial institutions including on finance to developing countries, amplifying actions recommended in *A Climate Finance Framework, IHLEG Report¹*, and progress towards the New Collective Quantified Goal agreed by parties to the Paris Agreement at COP29. The aim of this outreach is to catalyse more finance sector action and provide valuable non-state actor input to parties to encourage ambition by parties. The scope of financial institutions includes investors, insurers, banks, MDBs, DFIs, philanthropists, industry associations and initiatives.
3. Climate solutions: Review and amplify promising climate investment solutions and case studies across a range of sectors and themes across mitigation, adaptation and nature. Climate solutions will aim to help deliver on the SDGs and Paris Agreement goals, with a focus on developing countries. This builds on the Regional Platform for Climate Projects² involving regional forums.
4. Collaboration with the climate finance ecosystem. Collaboration will be at the heart of this role. It will include co-ordinating with the Marrakech Partnership and partners in the Race to Zero³, the Race to Resilience, the Sharm Adaptation Agenda⁴, the 2030 Climate Solutions⁵, and Nature Positive for Climate Action⁶. Collaboration will include consolidating positive examples and recommended actions for scaling finance from these partners, and encouraging coherence across partner efforts.

As this is a fast-evolving topic and finance team, the responsibilities are not set in stone. Rather, we expect the post holder to be adaptable and help develop the function in line with the changing requirements.

About You

The successful candidate will have over 10 years' experience in finance. You will be a highly motivated self-starter, willing to work across different time zones and cultures in a high-profile, fast-paced environment. You will need to be comfortable juggling different priorities and balancing multiple - and at

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<https://www.lse.ac.uk/granthaminstitute/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/A-Climate-Finance-Framework-IHLEG-Report-2-SUMMARY.pdf>

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https://climatechampions.unfccc.int/team_member/regional-platforms-for-climate-projects-assets-to-flow-ii-one-year-on/

³ <https://climatechampions.unfccc.int/system/race-to-zero/>

⁴ <https://climatechampions.unfccc.int/system/sharm-el-sheikh-adaptation-agenda/>

⁵ <https://climatechampions.unfccc.int/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/2030-Climate-Solutions-Publication-Implementation-roadmap.pdf>

⁶ <https://climatechampions.unfccc.int/system/nature-positive-for-climate-action/>



times - competing demands and work in ways which are highly collaborative and engaging with a wide range of stakeholders at all levels and across all sectors of the economy, policy and society.

The following requirements are essential:

- Passion for mobilising capital for developing countries, with private finance understanding.
- Experience of emerging markets and developing countries, in a transactions/decision-making role.
- Proven track record of engaging effectively with financial institutions.
- Strong financial analysis skills and attention to detail.
- Excellent team, process and project management skills, with ability to juggle multiple priorities and deadlines, and bring out the best in a diverse team across a broad range of global geographies and time zones.
- Excellent communications skills, verbal and written.
- Collaborative and collegial working style, and a strong team player.
- Ability to manage ambiguity and change, and to engage with the UN system.
- Determination to support climate action, and a commitment to the Climate Champions [core values](#)