

PhD position: sea-level rise governance in the Maldives

The [Global Climate Forum \(GCF\)](#) is a non-profit research institute based in Berlin that brings together representatives of different parties concerned with climate change including energy industries, insurances, policy-makers, environmental NGOs, and scientists in order to carry out joint studies that support climate mitigation and adaptation policies. The Research Process [Adaptation and Social Learning \(ASL\)](#) at GCF conducts internationally leading work on the socio-economics of sea-level rise and coastal adaptation from local to global scales. The process is led by Dr. habil. Jochen Hinkel, who is Lead Author on the coastal chapter of the recent Fifth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

Together with a number other European Research Institutes, ASL will start the new collaborative research project INSeaPTION that aims at co-developing a range of coastal climate services tailored to the needs of users, thereby integrating sea-level projections, information on biophysical and socio-economic impacts and adaptation options with decision-making and governance frameworks.



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Within this project, ASL is leading a case study in the Maldives, for which we are currently seeking a PhD student in institutional economics. The work of the successful candidate will involve translating potential biophysical impacts of sea-level rise into socio-economic impacts, assessing adaptation options and analysing coastal governance and sea-level rise related decision making in the Maldives, building on our established working relationships with Maldivian stakeholders. The position will start on November 1st 2017 or earlier and has a duration of 3 years, with the possibility of extension. The PhD degree will be obtained at the Division of Resource Economics at the Thae-Institute of the Humboldt University, Berlin where Dr. Hinkel lectures as *Privatdozent*.

The successful candidate is expected to have a Master degree with excellent results in institutional economics, political sciences, human geography, public administration or similar fields. The candidate must be fluent in English, have strong analytical English writing skills and be willing to travel to the Maldives for extended field work. Backgrounds in institutional economics, comparative case study design and analysis, and experience with field work and interviews would be assets.

We offer the opportunity to work in high-profile, internationally recognized research institute within a global network of national and international organizations concerned with climate change. The successful candidate will join a young, friendly and highly motivated transdisciplinary working environment in central Berlin within the Mercator Center Berlin, which unites a range of research institutes and NGOs addressing climate change.

Applications should include a cover letter, a CV and certificates as a single PDF, as well as a PDF of a single-authored publication of the applicant (e.g., master thesis, journal paper). Applications shall be received no later than August 24th by e-mail to Dr. Alexander Bisaro ([sandy.bisaro\(at\)globalclimateforum.org](mailto:sandy.bisaro(at)globalclimateforum.org)). Interviews are likely to take place in the week of September 11th. For further information on this position please contact Alexander Bisaro.