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The climate needs bright minds. The Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK) addresses crucial scientific questions in the fields of global change, climate impacts and sustainable development. It is one of the world's leading research institutions in its field and offers natural and social scientists from around the world an inspiring environment for excellent interdisciplinary research.

For the Research Area Regional Climate Impacts and Adaptation Strategies PIK is offering a

Agricultural Economist position

starting on **01.01.2019**.

(Position number: **RD2-Research Analyst position-39-2018**)

We are looking for a person with interest in the ongoing implementation process of adaptation strategies in Africa including risk management and transfer solutions. Central to this position is to analyze the implementation process of adaptation strategies and the evaluation of risk transfer solutions like insurances and early warning systems (like on food security or famines) by using econometric methods as well as other quantitative methods for data analysis. It also requires the active engagement with local stakeholders (governments, research institutes and private organizations) in order to ensure that scientific results are transferable on the ground and will ultimately help stabilize the crop production of small-holder farmers. Together in a larger team, we aim to develop scientific results which will enable end-users as climate services to better adapt to climate change.

The position is **funded for 22 months**. Remuneration is in accordance with German public tariff scheme (**TV-L Brandenburg**), **salary group E 13**. This is a full-time position with a weekly working time of 40 hours per week. The position can be filled on a part-time basis.

Key responsibilities:

- Analyze the ongoing implementation process of adaptation strategies in Africa including the potential for insurance solutions and early warning systems
- Writing and publishing of articles in peer-reviewed journals that highlight findings from the research projects and present research findings at international conferences
- Project management, writing of project reports and applying for funding
- Organize and conduct workshops with a broad range of stakeholders including governments, insurers and other risk management and transfer providers in Africa
- Contribute to the implementation of projects through close collaboration with other researches at PIK as well as the involved stakeholders

Requirements:

- You hold a Master's Degree or a PhD in the field of Agricultural Economics, Development Economics, Econometrics, Statistics, Geography or other project relevant field.
- You have knowledge and/ or are interested in risk management and transfer solutions (i.e. insurances solutions, early warning systems) as well as in evaluation of adaptation strategies (in particular the NAP and NDC implementation in developing countries)
- A solid understanding in statistics/ econometrics is desirable
- Experience in project management and writing research proposals is very desirable
- Knowledge in (tropical) agricultural and/or sustainable development is valuable
- Work experience in developing countries, experience and interest in stakeholder engagement and the willingness to travel to these countries is desirable
- You have excellent communications skills and are fluent in oral and written English. Proficiency in Kiswahili, French and / or other languages is an asset
- You have the ability to work independently, goal-oriented and on your own initiative

We offer:

- an inspiring, international, and interdisciplinary work environment in one of the world's leading research institutes on climate change
- participation in user driven research projects with international partners
- insights into international projects with extensive stakeholder engagement
- opportunities for cooperation with PIK's national and international network of leading climate and agricultural research institutes
- guidance and supervision in career development
- high-impact of your research through publications in renowned journals and consortia

PIK seeks to increase the share of women in scientific positions and therefore explicitly encourages women to apply. In cases of equal qualification and within the given legal scope, women will be given preference. Applications by persons with a migration background, provided they fulfill the conditions for appointment, are expressly encouraged. Applications of disabled persons with equal qualifications will be regarded favourably. PIK is also encouraging applications by parents returning from parental leave within the availability of financial resources.

Please send your full application **as a single PDF document by Email**, quoting the position number given above and mentioning where you read about the position by **18.11.2018** at the latest to bewerbung@pik-potsdam.de. Application documents should comprise a letter of motivation, a CV, relevant certificates, and a short sample of your work (e.g. term paper, section of your thesis or journal publication (approx. 2-10 pages). The size of the file should not exceed 15 MB.

For further informationen or to discuss the position please contact Christoph Gornott at gornott@pik-potsdam.de.

