CALL FOR RESEARCH FELLOW

Development of the Joint Energy Charter Secretariat-Islamic Development Bank
Energy Investment Risk Assessment Report 2024

Deadline for applications: 3 May 2024

Description

Energy Investment Risk Assessment (EIRA) is the flagship publication of the Energy Charter Secretariat (ECS). It aims to help governments identify legal and regulatory risks to investments in clean energy technologies and provide them with policy recommendations to mitigate these risks. Over 50 countries have participated in EIRA since 2018. For further details, you can view the EIRA website and download the #EIRA2023 publication.

The ECS and the Islamic Development Bank are jointly developing a special edition of EIRA, which will contain risk assessments of five Islamic Development Bank member states – Sudan, Burkina Faso, Djibouti, Guinea and Guinea Bissau. This call is published for recruiting a research fellow to assist with research and analysis for the special EIRA edition.

Terms and conditions of the research fellowship

The ECS offers research fellowships for academics from educational institutions and think tanks to contribute to the work of the ECS on the study of topics where it lacks the necessary in-house capacity or expertise. The research fellow’s current employer should support their assignment to the ECS.

Fellows are expected to finalise all their tasks (stipulated in the next section of this call) and deposit with the ECS any publication resulting from the work undertaken during their fellowship. All intellectual property rights remain with the ECS.

Fellows shall act impartially and not seek or receive instructions from any government or authority external to the ECS.

The fellow will be present at the ECS headquarters for the duration of the fellowship. The fellow commits to meeting the deadlines set by the ECS. The responsibility for obtaining the necessary residence permit rests with the fellow, who shall be responsible for obtaining the necessary entry visa and/or residence permit, as well as appropriate health care insurance.

Fellows will be entitled to a monthly subsistence allowance of Euro 2,000 from the ECS, which is intended to cover living costs in Belgium. Should the fellow fail to finalise all the tasks mentioned in the next section, they will be required to reimburse 10% of the sum received. The ECS will cover travel expenses on taking up duty and leaving using the most economical means and route. Fellows continue to be employed by their academic institute during the fellowship period.
Objectives and tasks
Per Activity C12a of the ECS Programme of Work 2024, the ECS will prepare a special Joint Energy Charter Secretariat-Islamic Development Bank Energy Investment Risk Assessment report in 2024.

Under the supervision of the Head of Unit Administration, Implementation, and External Activities, the fellow will:

- Liaise with government and non-government counterparts to collect country-specific data for the EIRA questionnaire (for guidance, please see the questionnaire in EIRA 2023)
- Conduct comprehensive desk research and analysis on the participating countries' policy, legal and regulatory framework for investments in the energy sector following the EIRA scope and methodology (for guidance, please see EIRA 2023)
- Review, validate and synthesise country data in the required format of the EIRA country profiles (for guidance, please see the country profiles in EIRA 2023)

Outputs and deadlines
The duration of the fellowship is three months. Fellowships may be extended up to six months if justified by the specific needs of the ECS and based on the performance. The fellowship is scheduled to commence in early June 2024.

Essential requirements
- Advanced university degree (preferably PhD) in energy law or policy
- At least three years of research experience in energy and investment laws, policies, and regulations
- Proven experience producing reports or peer-reviewed publications related to energy law and/or policy
- Excellent written and oral command of English

Desirable requirements
- Experience in qualitative analysis of national-level renewable energy and energy efficiency policies
- Relevant research experience in West and North Africa, in particular, Sudan, Burkina Faso, Djibouti, Guinea and Guinea Bissau

Applications should be submitted to recruitment@encharter.org no later than 3 May 2024.

Disclaimer: All personal information contained in the CV and application will be duly processed by the Secretariat. You can change your data or have them deleted at any time. If you have any questions or comments, please refer to legalaffairs@encharter.org