

## INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL ON CLIMATE CHANGE



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## Executive Director, Technical Support Unit Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Working Group II

The IPCC prepares comprehensive and up-to-date assessments of policy-relevant scientific, technical, and socio-economic information relevant for understanding the scientific basis of climate change, potential impacts, and options for mitigation and adaptation. Working Group II assesses the vulnerability of socio-economic and natural systems to climate change, potential negative and positive consequences, and options for adapting to it. The Technical Support Unit (TSU) provides technical and administrative services in support of assessment deliverables.

The Working Group II Co-Chairs (USA and Argentina) seek qualified applicants for the position of TSU Head. The position will be co-located with the U.S. co-chair at the Carnegie Institution for Science in Stanford, California, USA.

The TSU Head is a professorial-level position that provides senior level scientific leadership for the assessment programs of IPCC Working Group II; works with the co-chairs to structure, summarize, and disseminate scientific content of findings generated by and during the assessment process; and provides scientific leadership and direction to TSU staff in support of IPCC-wide commitments. The TSU Head reports to the co-chairs of Working Group II. Primary emphasis will be on scoping, preparation, and review of the Working Group II contribution to the Fifth Assessment Report (AR5), to be published in 2014. The TSU head will have opportunities for authoring scientific publications, especially publications related to the IPCC assessments.

Requires Ph.D. in social or natural science discipline relevant to the assessment of global climate change and climate variability, as well as 10 or more years' experience conducting research on climate impacts. Experience with management of multidisciplinary scientific groups and a distinguished impacts, adaptation, and vulnerability (IAV) publication record are required. Experience working within IPCC or comparable United Nations processes is desired.

The TSU Head will lead a team that will include a Director of Operations, a Project Scientist, a Program Administrator, a part-time Office Manager, an Administrative Assistant, and IT and Web specialists, plus graduate students and visiting scientists who are combining training with support for specific science components of the assessment process.

The University Corporation for Atmospheric Research (UCAR) administers the TSU. The TSU Head post is classified as a Technical Program Manager, and is a fixed term position (annual renewals) via UCAR through FY2014. Relocation expenses will be covered. Applications are being accepted through 23 January 2009, with possibility of extension depending on candidate pool. To view the complete job description and apply, visit <a href="http://www.fin.ucar.edu/hr/employment">http://www.fin.ucar.edu/hr/employment</a> (reference job #9047 under 'Current Job Openings/Scientific'). Application packages should consist of a cover letter, CV, publications listing, and contact details for three referees. The position will be filled as soon as practicable.