



**Attorney  
International Climate Program  
Washington, DC**

With world attention focused on fighting global warming while reinvigorating economic growth, policymakers and business leaders turn to the Environmental Defense Fund for win-win solutions. This leading green group, founded in 1967, has tripled in size over the past decade by focusing on strong science, uncommon partnerships and market-based approaches. You can be part of a vibrant workplace that welcomes diverse perspectives, talents and contributions, where innovation and a focus on results are a way of life. With programs from Boston to Beijing, Environmental Defense Fund is the only environmental group to receive an A rating from Wired magazine.

**The Climate Convergence Challenge.** Creating frameworks that spur nations to bring global warming emissions down while driving economic growth forward, in a timeframe consistent with the 1992 Climate Treaty's objective of averting catastrophic climate shifts, requires bridging deep divides – between rich and poor nations, between north and south, between fossil fuel exporters and small islands, between businesses and local communities. Climate legislation has not yet been enacted in the United States; international climate talks are proceeding on at least five tracks (the UN Climate Treaty, the Kyoto Protocol, the 2009 Copenhagen Accord, the Major Economies Forum, and bilateral talks); and new proposals for achieving practical convergence of national and global legal frameworks are urgently needed. EDF's international climate team seeks a dynamic, committed Attorney to help address this challenge.

**Overall Function and Responsibilities:** Working with our international team of attorneys, scientists, economists, and policy specialists, the Attorney will focus on developing and advocating innovative, practical legal frameworks for climate policy convergence. In addition to research and writing, the Attorney will be responsible for undertaking outreach to governments, business, civil society, and local communities in the United States, Europe, Latin America, Africa, and Asia. One focus of the work will be the development of linkages between greenhouse gas emission reduction policies in the United States and Europe, on the one hand, and emission reduction opportunities in emerging economies and developing countries on the other, in ways that address development as well as environmental and economic concerns. This focus will include legal and policy frameworks for reducing emissions from deforestation and degradation in developing countries (REDD), and for incentivizing sustainable agriculture. Another focus of the work will be on emerging issues, such as the international governance of geoengineering experimentation.

The Attorney will--

- Conduct outreach to, and respond to requests for consultation from, governments, non-governmental organizations, and the private sector in the development and implementation of market-based legal frameworks that encourage investments in reducing greenhouse gas emissions in developing countries;
- Undertake research and prepare papers and articles to support EDF's international climate policy agenda, including generating innovative solutions to challenging legal problems, with

- particular focus on legal architecture of frameworks for engaging key economic sectors in both industrialized and developing countries;
- Serve as a key member of EDF's climate team in international negotiations and conferences on implementation of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Kyoto Protocol on Climate Change, and other climate-related agreements and forums;
- Draft and review treaty and legislative language; and
- Act as liaison with counterparts in non-governmental organizations active on climate change and related issues in the United States and in other nations, in particular developing and transition economies.

**Department & Location:** This position, based in Washington, DC, is with the international climate team, whose mission is to develop and implement innovative, transparent, market-based frameworks that cut greenhouse gas pollution, spur technology innovation and financing, and help countries and communities adapt to climate change. The attorney will report to the International Counsel, and will work with colleagues and consultants based in Washington, DC as well as in other EDF offices around the country and across the globe.

**Requirements:** The minimum qualifications are:

- Law degree, with 4 or more years of relevant work experience on environmental or energy issues;
- Deep knowledge of the international climate treaty talks, international institutions, and public international law;
- Familiarity with the basic elements of successful market-based environmental policy;
- Outstanding written and oral communication skills, including proven ability to explain complex legal issues in lay language;
- Strong legal research and analytic skills and an interest in performing rigorous legal analysis in support of highly visible work;
- Willingness to undertake a demanding international travel schedule;
- Ability to work with colleagues and partners of varied backgrounds and experience in a fast-paced work environment;
- Team player, with ability to carry out responsibilities with minimal supervision, and
- Excellent judgment, flexibility, good humor, optimism, diplomacy, and graciousness.

Strongly desirable additional qualifications include:

- Practical experience in environmental or other markets;
- Familiarity with private and multilateral financial institutions;
- International trade law expertise;
- Experience with key economic sectors in developing and transition economies;
- Experience living in a developing or transitional economy;
- Negotiating experience;
- Fluency in other UN languages (Spanish or Chinese is an advantage); and
- Proficiency with Microsoft Excel and PowerPoint programs.

**Term:** This is a two-year term position with the potential for extension upon identification of additional funding. .

**Application:** Interested applicants should submit their cover letter, resume and salary requirements using the "Apply to this Position" link below or forward directly to [jobs@edf.org](mailto:jobs@edf.org)

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