



Terms of Reference – Policy and advocacy consultant on climate justice

Trócaire is seeking an expert consultant to develop a range of policy and advocacy materials in advance of and following COP27 in November 2022. The focus of the outputs will be on climate justice with a gender and human rights lens. In particular the areas of climate financing, loss and damage and the participation of people from the global South in decisions affecting their lives will be core to this work.

Background

Climate change is destroying the lives and livelihoods of the most marginalised people in countries where Trocaire works. They are paying the price for a problem they have not created, and for which they have least resources to cope. In addition, climate change amplifies existing political, social and economic inequalities. Current levels of both commitment and action on climate change are highly inadequate to meet the scale of the challenge. The most recent IPCC report is yet another reminder of the need for urgent and ambitious climate action. Global warming of 1.5°C and 2°C will be exceeded during the 21st century unless deep reductions in CO2 and other greenhouse gas emissions occur in the coming decades.

Developing nations face an estimated 75% of the cost of the climate crisis¹ and over the past twenty years citizens in developing countries have died at a rate 7 times higher than in richer nations.² These impacts are particularly unjust because while the poorest half of the world's population are responsible for only 10% of carbon emissions, the richest 10 countries are responsible for 50% of all carbon emissions. Although rich countries are obligated to provide climate finance and to reduce emissions in line with common but differentiated responsibilities, they have failed to reduce emissions based on their fair share and paid only a fraction of the climate finance that was promised, overly focusing on loans to poorer countries and pushing them further into debt. This is a critical decade for climate action at the global level. Limiting warming to around 1.5°C (2.7°F) requires global greenhouse gas emissions to peak before 2025 at the latest, and be reduced by 43% by 2030. Without immediate and deep emissions reductions across all sectors, it will be impossible. This climate action must swift, ambitious and just. We will engage in advocacy focused on Irish decision-makers as part of an overall effort for faster and fairer climate action.

Objective

Trócaire is hiring a climate justice consultant to work on a series of policy and advocacy resources focused on climate justice as outlined above and in line with our [strategic plan 2021 – 2025](#), in the lead up to and following COP27. The consultant will complete the following tasks in conjunction with members of Trócaire's policy and advocacy team.

Activities:

- Develop briefing documents, based on desk review/policy analysis and opportunities for influencing, on key areas of climate justice relevant to Trócaire, with clear asks for Irish and EU duty-bearers in the following areas:
 - Scaling up public finance for climate change adaptation in developing countries;

¹ UN Special Rapporteur for Extreme Poverty (2019), 'Climate change, extreme poverty and human rights: Report' <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Poverty/Pages/ClimateChange.aspx>

² UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (2018), 'Economic Losses, Poverty and Disasters 1997-2019', <https://www.undrr.org/news/un-20-year-review-earthquakes-and-tsunamis-kill-more-people-whileclimate-change-driving>

- Establishment of a loss and damage finance facility;
- Promotion of sustainable food systems as part of climate action;
- Regulating corporate power and ensuring accountability for damage to the planet;
- Effective implementation of Ireland's fair share of emission reductions and other key climate commitments ;
- Ensuring human rights-based climate action, including meeting obligations of participation and accountability;
- Promoting women's voices and leadership at the centre of climate justice;
- Tackling the climate emergency and biodiversity crisis together;
- Map and identify advocacy opportunities directed at Irish and EU policy makers;
- Identify influencing opportunities within the COP27 negotiations, with respect to Irish government and the EU. (remote);
- Embedding the findings of the African Climate Dialogues and Civil Society Indigenous People's Mechanism into briefing documents;
- Engage with a selection of Trócaire partners to document their analysis of the impacts of climate change in the Global South, and the solutions they are advocating for;
- Engage with partners and key climate justice networks, nationally and internationally, in order to identify common advocacy asks, especially those directed at EU governments.
- Participate in the organisation of policy events/seminars on climate justice.

Key deliverables:

- Series of public briefing papers on issues of climate justice. Including:
 - Contribution to joint NGO briefing on climate finance
 - Contribution to joint NGO briefing on loss and damage
- Public policy briefing on Ireland's role at COP 27, directed at policy makers (Approx 5 pages);
- Development of post-COP advocacy materials, in response to the outcome of the COP;
- Initial work on report on climate, corporate power and food insecurity;
- Organising of climate justice event

Skill and expertise:

- Climate justice expertise;
- Experience in policy and advocacy;
- Excellent written skills and demonstrable record of writing policy briefs;
- Understanding or experience of Irish/EU/UN policy making processes.

Starting start Sept 2022 – Jan 2023 (30 days – approx. 2 days per week).

Expressions of interest:

- One to two page proposal on how you would approach the work, ensure timely delivery of above anticipated outputs, and your proposed costings including VAT (Max 2 pages);
- Cover letter including experience of research and policy work on climate justice (Max 2 pages);
- Brief curriculum vitae.

Application date: 9th September 2022

Your application marked "Policy and advocacy consultant on climate justice" should be submitted to maria.murphy@trocaire.org.