

## IAP-Save the Children Senior Consultancy on 'Climate Change and Health'

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**Background:** Climate change has the potential to disrupt the progress of humanity because it affects the provision of food, safe water and clean air on which we all depend, and magnifies already existing socially-mediated risks, such as displacement and access to essential health services. Thus climate change is expected to exacerbate risks to health.

When considering climate adaptation and mitigation actions, therefore, countries must also consider the health impacts of such actions. Not doing so could result in trade-offs and unintended consequences which could ultimately undermine health, while well-designed climate adaptation and mitigation actions can provide opportunities to reduce and prevent risks to health.

To build governments' awareness of multi-sectoral, systems-based studies and policies, IAP has called for examples of case studies of approaches to problem-solving and policies that have been used to address the interlinked challenges of climate and health. Authors of selected case studies will be invited to a workshop in Trieste in September 2023. Following the workshop, the case studies will be edited into a volume to be made freely available that IAP hopes will provide practical examples to decision makers that can be replicated in other situations.

The project builds on the IAP '[Climate Change and Health](#)' project, as well as the Save the Children's new strategic initiative '[Climate and Health: Accelerating action on climate with health benefits](#)'.

It is expected that the case study book will be printed during December and also made freely available online. IAP and Save the Children are also planning to make a preliminary presentation of workshop discussions at COP28 in the UAE in November.

*IAP is now seeking a senior consultant to guide the development of selected case studies, attend the workshop in Trieste and produce, based on discussions there, the outputs listed in Art. 1.*

### *Art 1. Duties and responsibilities*

The consultant should attend the workshop in Trieste planned for 5-7 September (costs will be covered). At the workshop, s/he will attend the case study presentations by selected authors (expected to be around 15) and be able to interact with them.

Following the workshop, the consultant will prepare:

- *a Policy Brief for a global decision-maker audience;*
- *an 'Introduction' to the book of case studies; and*
- *a letter/short communication to a journal such as the Lancet Planetary Health that would help bring attention to the case study publication.*

- *If funds allow and an application for attendance by IAP is successful, the senior consultant may also attend part of COP28 in Dubai to present the project and the policy brief (IAP will cover the expenses).*

The consultant will liaise closely with the IAP Coordinator, a representative of Save the Children, and a writer/editor who will work with the authors and expert reviewers to finalise the case studies for publication.

*Art 2. Deliverables and expected timeline*

- Attendance of the IAP workshop in Trieste, Italy: 5-7 September
- Submission of the Policy Brief and Introduction (including incorporation of any remarks from the IAP Coordinator and Save the Children representative): by 31 October
- Submission of the letter/short communication for a journal such as the *Lancet Planetary Health*: by 30 November
- If funds allow and IAP's application is successful, represent IAP and the project at COP28 in Dubai (about 3 days between 30 November and 12 December 2023). Expenses will be covered by IAP.

*Art 3. Qualification requirements:* The senior consultant should hold a Masters or PhD in a field of the sciences or social sciences, with at least ten years of subsequent professional experience in fields such as climate change, medical/biosciences, international science, science for development, science communication, science policy, etc. The preferred candidate will be familiar with IAP's Climate Change and Health project, or at least relevant aspects of climate change adaptation and public health. A high level of English, along with analytical and data presentation skills, are also required.

*Art 4. Payment:*

Total: USD12,000

A preliminary payment of USD3,000 (25%) will be made on signing the contract and attendance of the workshop in Trieste. The remaining USD9,000 (75%) will be made on submission of the final versions of the Policy Brief, Introduction to the case study book, and letter/short communication to a journal.

For more information about the project, visit: <https://www.interacademies.org/news/open-call-climate-change-and-health-policy-case-studies> and review the supplementary material: [https://www.interacademies.org/sites/default/files/inline-files/TechnicalDoc\\_Climate%20and%20Health%20Policy%20Case%20Studies\\_fnl.pdf](https://www.interacademies.org/sites/default/files/inline-files/TechnicalDoc_Climate%20and%20Health%20Policy%20Case%20Studies_fnl.pdf)