



VACANCY: Fixed Term Contract through June 30, 2023
with potential to renew or move into a full-time salaried position

LOCATION: ORRAA Inc is a global fully remote organisation
with a head office in Washington DC, United States.

Applications are welcome from anywhere in the world, particularly qualified candidates who are from the Global South with direct experience, expertise, and commitment to the mission-critical work of ORRAA. We encourage any applicant who believes they are qualified for this position to apply.

Ocean Risk and Resilience Action Alliance (ORRAA) POLICY AND ADVOCACY LEAD

A resilient, net zero and economically secure world is not possible without a healthy, regenerating ocean. Heating, leading to extreme weather events, sea level rise, and adverse ecosystem changes as well as pollution, overfishing and destructive fishing, rising levels of acidity and biodiversity loss all jeopardise Ocean health. Rebuilding and restoring 'blue nature' means protecting the critical impact buffers and biodiversity reservoirs that provide food, social and economic security to billions of people and businesses across the world.

Immediate and scaled action is needed to build resilience to change. ORRAA's mission is to drive at least \$500 million of investment into coastal and ocean natural capital and surface at least 50 novel finance products by 2030, positively impacting the resilience of at least 250 million climate vulnerable people in coastal areas around the world.

We are the only multi-stakeholder alliance working in ocean finance that brings insurers, banks, governments, academia, and civil society together. We work across geographies – with a focus on the Global South – pioneering, piloting, and scaling innovative finance products that invest in coastal resilience.

ORRAA is recruiting a Policy and Advocacy Lead who will be responsible for developing, implementing, and refining its policy and strategic engagement related to coastal and ocean resilience, biodiversity positive investment and equitable and sustainable blue finance.

Summary of Responsibilities

Policy

- Develop, implement, and refine a three-year strategic policy engagement strategy and delivery plan (by 31 March 2023), identifying key moments to influence climate, ocean, and green/blue finance policy.
- Work with ORRAA members, the ORRAA Secretariat and the broader ocean/climate and blue finance community to develop or lead the development of policy briefs, interventions and set up bilateral or other meetings to deliver the strategic policy engagement strategy.
- Join with ORRAA partners Race to Resilience and UNEP FI, among others, to engage further with private finance and insurance members to secure support for ORRAA's

#BackBlue Ocean Finance Commitment, designed to encourage the finance sector to incorporate the ocean into climate finance and insurance decisions by committing to net zero, endorsing the UN's Blue Economy Principles and joining ORRAA.

- Help the Secretariat and Alliance members to identify and respond to emerging issues, opportunities and challenges in the space as well as prepare for relevant international convenings and events. Work with existing and new stakeholders to promote ORRAA's work and ensure that the ocean/climate nexus is embedded into key investment decisions for governments as well as multilateral and private sector finance and insurance.
- Partner with ORRAA's lead Science and Knowledge Partner, the Stockholm Resilience Center, to develop deeper collaboration among ORRAA members from academia and research institutions to drive ocean risk/resilience research and knowledge.

Advocacy

- Work with the ORRAA Secretariat including closely with the ORRAA Executive Director, members and partners to deliver ORRAA's mission through strategic advocacy.
- Internally, serve as an effective thought partner to guide and support internal discussions around policy, advocacy and strategic engagement activities and internal planning work. Externally, represent ORRAA at events and convenings with partners, members and at relevant international policy-making forums.
- Collaborate with ORRAA partners including the Global Resilience Partnership, Global Fund for Coral Reefs, the Commonwealth Blue Charter, the Governments of the United States, United Kingdom, Canada, Palau as well as ORRAA's civil society members, to develop and secure ties with members and potential members, particularly governments from the Global South, and to ensure that ORRAA's policy engagement and outreach integrates perspectives from the Global South and vulnerable communities.
- Engage closely with affiliates and stakeholders such as UN agencies, Governments and International Financial Institutions, and other global actors who can support ORRAA's work with urgency and at scale.

Build Relationships, Collaborate and Deliver Results

- Develop and implement effective strategies that deliver the Alliance's mission through policy and strategic engagement outcomes that secure coastal and ocean resilience, biodiversity positive investment and equitable and sustainable blue finance.
- Serve as an integral guide for the Alliance to both lead and support organisational efforts around communications and stakeholder engagement. Write and produce materials e.g.: policy reports and memos, case studies, op-eds, speaking and other engagements that reach a broad and increasingly informed audience.

Who You Are

You are passionate about achieving net zero, climate justice and protecting our ocean, our environment, our food system, and everything we value as stewards of this planet. You are an experienced policy advocate who can effectively engage policy makers and work across sectors to focus on how innovative finance solutions can regenerate and protect our ocean and tip the balance in favour of equitable and sustainable resilient solutions. You have experience working for and with multi-cultural coalitions and are an effective communicator who can persuade others to think differently, utilizing your broad knowledge and ability to articulate substantive outcomes. You enjoy working with a global team, across time-zones and with many nationalities.

Qualifications Knowledge and Abilities

- A background in core development and/or policy work, such as international development policy, environmental policy, public policy, public health, racial justice, blue food systems, environmental science.
- A keen understanding of the workings of international financial institutions and blue finance and/or global ocean policy and governance.
- A Sound understanding of ESG strategies for investors and financial institutions.
- A Master's degree in environmental, public policy, international affairs or related field.
- Fluency in English is required and fluency in another UN language is highly desirable.

Required Qualifications and Experience:

- At least ten years of experience and demonstrated success in policy advocacy, research, and organizing, preferably at a campaign-oriented organization, with a minimum of ten years of demonstrated experience in policy advocacy (public policy and/or with the private sector).
- Ability to balance and successfully complete a wide range of campaign activities including advocacy, online and offline organizing, public speaking, policy development, research, and communications.
- Ability to travel frequently when it is safe to do so.
- Demonstrated oral and written communication skills and comfort with presenting material to a wide range of audiences, including the public, the press, corporation leaders, and high-ranking government officials.
- Cultural sensitivity to engage everyone with respect and dignity.
- Excellent decision-making skills, professional initiative, time management, prioritization, and networking skills, demonstrated initiative, flexibility and creativity.
- Excellent interpersonal skills and ability to inspire trust and respect among colleagues and external partners.
- Experience with internal communications and collaboration technology in a fully remote working environment
- A good sense of humour and determination to have fun while delivering positive outcomes for people and planet
- Skilled in Microsoft Word, Excel, Office, and basic Microsoft programs.

Hours and Schedule

The initial position will be as an independent contractor with an immediate start. The position will require no less than 30 hours per week.

Our work is global, fully remote, and conducted virtually. We therefore work with flexible hours to accommodate multiple time zones.

International travel will be expected as needed and as safety allows.

The initial contract is expected to run through June 30, 2023 with potential to renew and/or transition into a staff position.

Candidate applications

Please send an email to Hiring@OceanRiskAlliance.org, with the title of the position in the subject line. Applications should include a resume/CV and a cover letter outlining how your skills and experience will benefit ORRAA. Applications will be assessed on a rolling basis. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted. The successful candidate must be authorized to work in their home-base country. We are unable to sponsor work authorization visas.