



SCIENCE ADVISOR

Job description and person specification

Key details

- **Contract:** 1 year contract, with likelihood of extension.
- **Hours:** 0.6 FTE (Note: depending on the candidate, 0.8 FTE or 1 FTE may also be possible).
- **Location:** Amsterdam or London
- **Salary range:** From EUR 50,000 or GBP 42,500 FTE (pro rata), dependent on skills and experience
- **Starting date:** As soon as possible
- **Closing date:** Applicants are encouraged to apply as early as possible, with applications reviewed on a rolling basis until 16 February (midnight).

About the Climate Litigation Network

The Climate Litigation Network (CLN) is a non-profit foundation that works with partners around the world to drive stronger climate action through litigation against high-emitting actors. CLN was established in 2015 by the Urgenda Foundation following its landmark case in the Netherlands, which led to the first ever decision of a court globally to order a national government to increase its climate ambition. Since then, CLN has worked with local partners and affected communities all over the world to develop litigation to hold global temperature increase below 1.5°C, based on best available science and the protection of human rights. You can learn more about CLN on [our website](#).

About the role

CLN is looking for a Science Advisor to support climate litigation efforts by ensuring that best-available science is fully integrated into legal and advocacy strategies aimed at the worst emitters around the world.

Key responsibilities

The Science Advisor will play a critical role in bridging the gap between science and law in the context of climate litigation, including by supporting the translation of key legal concepts and standards into actionable remedies in climate cases. Specific responsibilities include:

- **Supporting legal teams on how best available science can be integrated to support and strengthen their legal strategies**, and advising on effective ways to present scientific data to national and regional courts.
- **Assessing scientific and evidentiary gaps in ongoing and future climate cases**, and working with CLN staff and external partners – including academic and scientific institutions – to explore ways to address those gaps in a manner consistent with legal principles.
- **Supporting the quantification of legal standards into science reports.** For instance, applying the legal standards presented by the European Court of Human Rights in the KlimaSeniorinnen case in relevant national carbon budget reports, and exploring scientific grounded minimum reduction efforts for corporate entities.
- **Acting as a bridge between the legal and scientific communities.**

- Developing and maintaining relationships with leading climate scientists, academic institutions, and researchers.
- Facilitating collaborations to ensure that legal teams have access to top-tier scientific expertise to support their cases.
- Identifying opportunities to communicate the needs of the climate litigation community to relevant scientists (i.e. at conferences, workshops, expert meetings).
- **Conducting ongoing research and preparing clear, concise briefing notes and explanations on key scientific issues** for CLN staff and external partners.

Given this is a new role in the organisation and the evolving nature of the climate litigation field, we expect that there may be changes to how this role works in practice once the right candidate is in post.

Essential Experience, Skills, and Knowledge

- **Academic qualifications:** Undergraduate degree in climate science, environmental science, geoscience, or a related field, with a strong academic record.
- **Technical expertise:** Proficiency in data analysis and modelling using R and/or Python.
- **Ability to build and maintain a network** of contacts in the scientific community, fostering collaborations and partnerships.
- **Excellent science communication skills**, with the ability to convey complex scientific concepts to diverse audiences, including legal professionals and non-specialists.
- **Research and analytical skills:** Strong research, analytical, and drafting skills, with the ability to distil complex scientific information into clear, actionable insights.
- **Ability to think ‘outside of the box’:** Willingness to work alongside a broad range of experts to explore how we can apply existing knowledge and expertise to solve novel legal problems.
- **Personal attributes:** Highly motivated, reliable, and able to work independently while maintaining attention to detail and meeting deadlines.
- **Strong alignment with CLN’s values and commitment to our vision and mission**, and a commitment to building a trust-based, inclusive and empowering organisation.
- **Fluent in English**, with **excellent written and verbal communication skills**.

Desirable Experience, Skills, and Knowledge

- **PhD or equivalent professional experience** in climate science or a relevant discipline.
- **Work experience:** 3–6 years of post-university experience (or equivalent academic experience) in the field of climate change, climate policy, or a related area.
- **Existing scientific network:** Established network of scientific and academic contacts, particularly those working on climate change and environmental issues.
- **Multilingual abilities:** Proficiency in languages other than English is desirable, though not essential.

Note to candidates: We know that some candidates will not apply for a role unless they feel they are 100% qualified. If you feel you meet at least some of the essential criteria above, we still encourage you to apply.

Why join CLN?

- The unique opportunity to work at the cutting edge of climate litigation, and contribute to the climate justice movement worldwide.
- Opportunity to work with a dynamic team of highly skilled professionals who combine their expertise with a passion to make a difference.
- The space to shape and continuously develop your role.
- A flexible hybrid work environment, with opportunities for temporary remote work.

How to apply

To apply, please complete our online application form – this will ask you to attach your CV and a supporting statement telling us why you think you're the right person for this role.

CLN values inclusiveness and welcomes applications from candidates from underrepresented backgrounds.

If you have any questions about the role or the process, please email recruitment@climatelitigationnetwork.org.

Please note:

- All documents must be in English.
- CLN is not in a position to support any visa applications for candidates and you must have right to work in the UK or Netherlands.