

Terms of Reference

Internship in “Community-based Adaptation to Climate Change”

About Hudara

Hudara is an independent and impartial organisation working where people's lives are impacted by poverty, conflict and climate change.

Our Vision

We strive for a world in which people experience good mental wellbeing, live in peaceful communities and in balance with the natural environment.

Our Mission

We support communities in reaching a sustainable and peaceful way of functioning through mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS), social cohesion (SC) and community-based adaptation and mitigation measures to climate change (AMCC).

About Hudara's work

We are involved in development work, research and activism; we decentralize debate and action, strengthen horizontal lines of communication and promote genuine cooperation in all our projects. We are currently implementing a project in Iraq, supporting youth in a refugee camp which suffer psychological problems through creative and psychosocial activities as well as mental health counselling. Another project in Bangladesh focuses on strengthening the community's knowledge and commitment in preserving the natural mangrove forests and to strengthen their economic base of life. We work on building a platform of exchange in Berlin, Germany, to connect people interested in topics like community development, peaceful coexistence, wellbeing and mental health, mitigation of and community-based adaptation to climate change, as well as social and ecological justice issues. We just started a project in Mayotte to decarbonise the energy system by fostering large deployments of renewable energy based on the local community's needs. Other projects in the fields of mental health and psychosocial support, adaptation to climate change and energy poverty are in preparation.

About Community-based Adaptation to Climate Change

We are looking for an Intern supporting us in our research on Community-based adaptation to climate change. Community-based adaptation to climate change is characterized by participatory approaches and methods applied in disaster risk reduction and community development work, building on sector-specific knowledge from forestry, agriculture, engineering, environmental, political and social sciences. At Hudara we look particularly into climate justice, as global warming is not just an environmental or physical but significantly a political and ethical issue with the effects of climate change are being felt most by people who are least responsible for causing the problem and who often have least access to resources and technology. Climate change is contributing considerably to increasing social inequality within and between countries. Innovative methods are emerging to strengthen capacities to analyse the causes and effects of climate

change, while integrate scientific and community knowledge on climate change and plan adaptation measures.

Your tasks and responsibilities

The tasks related to the open internship position are: preparation of a literature review in close cooperation with other colleagues engaged in this working area, attendance of project meetings and presentation of the research results in Hudara's general meeting on a regular basis.

What we are looking for

- A student enrolled in a master degree program in social, political or environmental sciences.
- Fluency in written and spoken English is obligatory, another language, especially Arabic, is an asset.

What we offer

- The internship lasts three months (2 days/week) and is unpaid, with the opportunity to prepare for a long term, remunerated involvement in form of a job as Student Research Assistant.
- There is the possibility to write the master thesis in this thematic field at Hudara.
- In addition: You will be part of a young and dynamic team and you will have the possibility to set your own emphasis within the thematic focus of our initiative depending on your personal strengths and interests.
- The position is based in Berlin, Germany. The work can be arranged flexible with at least one fixed day during the week in our shared office space in Alt-Treptow.

How to apply

Please send a CV and a motivational letter to lena@hudara.org with "Internship_Adaptation to Climate Change" in the subject line until 10th of November 2020 and tell us about you and why you want to join our team. You may find more information about us and our work at <https://hudara.org>.

We are looking forward hearing from you!