

Climate Change Technical Adviser Position Description

Reporting to:	Principal Climate Change Adviser	Work location:	Global (remote, home based)
Department:	International Programs	Budget holder:	No
Team:	Climate Change Division	Direct reports:	Nil

Here you'll make a difference

At Save the Children Australia, we attract bright and big-hearted people who are inspired to make a difference. Together, we are fearless in our pursuit of making lasting change for the children and communities who need it most.

Children have done the least to cause climate change but are most affected by it. 1 billion children worldwide live in countries at extreme risk from climate change. This affects their ability to access their rights to survive, learn and be protected.

As an accredited entity to the Green Climate Fund, Save the Children works with countries to develop and deliver high quality climate finance projects focused on children and climate resilience. As of 2026, our Green Climate Fund portfolio includes 9 projects across 11 countries reaching 22 million people and valued at US\$350m. We also deliver the Global Partnership for Education's (GPE's) Climate Smart Education systems Initiative across 35 countries and contribute to global learning on Locally Led Adaptation including through the Generating Ambition for Locally Led Adaptation partnership.

The Climate Change Technical Adviser works across the full project cycle from climate finance readiness to early concept development, project preparation, implementation, quality and learning. They apply advanced technical expertise to large-scale, complex climate investments, influencing project design, quality, and impact across diverse contexts.

The Adviser is part of a globally dispersed team and collaborates with a broad range of Save the Children colleagues, including country teams, members, technical specialists, programme staff, and senior leaders, as well as governments and international partners.

Key responsibilities are to provide specialist technical input and peer review; contribute to climate finance readiness and project preparation; support implementation quality, learning and improvement; and strengthen technical capacity of teams and partners.

Here your skills will be valued

Technical leadership and advice

- Provide specialist technical input and peer review for climate change programmes and climate finance proposals, including GCF-funded projects.
- Strengthen the technical quality of adaptation and resilience interventions, ensuring alignment with good practice and fund requirements.
- Advise project teams on climate rationale, evidence, risk analysis and sustainability considerations.

Climate finance and project development

- Contribute expert input to the development of climate finance concepts, funding proposals, and related technical documentation.
- Support teams to interpret and respond to Green Climate Fund requirements and evolving global climate finance standards.
- Review and strengthen theories of change, climate justification, and technical annexes.

Implementation quality, learning and improvement

- Provide technical oversight and advice during implementation to ensure projects deliver intended adaptation and resilience outcomes.
- Contribute to monitoring, evaluation, learning and knowledge-sharing processes to drive continuous improvement.
- Identify technical risks, lessons learned and opportunities to strengthen impact across the portfolio.

Capacity strengthening and collaboration

- Support capacity strengthening of country teams and partners on climate change concepts, methodologies and approaches.
- Develop or contribute to technical guidance, tools and learning products.
- Work collaboratively with internal specialists and external technical stakeholders, including government and funding partners.

Health, safety, security and risk management

- Be a role model for safety and security and comply with all workplace safety policy, procedure, work instructions and training
- Act safely at all times
- Report all incidents, injuries and potential hazards in a timely manner
- Participate in, and contribute to, health and safety awareness and improvements
- Be aware of, document and manage the risks associated with your team's programs and workplaces and ensure appropriate elimination or mitigation measures are applied

Child protection and safeguarding requirements

- Maintain a child safe environment at the workplace and safeguard children's rights, acting in the best interests of children at all times
- Comply with the [Child Safeguarding Policy](#) & [Code of Conduct](#)
- Demonstrate the highest standards of behaviour towards children in both your private and professional life

All roles at Save the Children contribute to our impact for children.

At Save the Children, every role, whether in our programs or support services, plays a vital part in our impact for children. We are committed to creating a positive impact on the lives of children and their communities, and we value the contributions of every team member in achieving this vision.

Career growth and professional development

This role offers strong opportunities for **continued technical growth and professional influence** within a globally recognised, child-centred organisation:

- Work at scale on **large, complex climate finance investments**, including Green Climate Fund projects, building deep expertise in multilateral climate finance.
- Act as a **trusted technical adviser** across countries and programmes, progressively shaping technical approaches, standards and good practice.
- Gain exposure to **system-level climate adaptation and resilience work**, strengthening skills that are highly transferable across the development and climate finance sectors.
- Build a strong professional profile through collaboration with governments, multilateral funds and international partners.
- Opportunities to develop leadership through influence, mentoring and knowledge-sharing within a global technical community.

Here you'll belong

It takes all types of people to do the challenging work we do. Here are some of the specific skills and experiences you'll bring in this role:

Essential knowledge or experience

- Strong technical expertise in climate change adaptation and/or climate finance, with the ability to apply evidence and analysis to programme and project design.
- Experience contributing to, reviewing, or strengthening funding proposals and technical documentation for major donors or multilateral funds.
- Ability to analyse complex climate information and communicate technical concepts clearly to diverse technical and non-technical audiences.
- Proven experience working collaboratively across cultures, functions and geographically dispersed teams.
- Strong analytical, organisational and problem-solving skills, with the ability to manage multiple technical workstreams simultaneously.
- Commitment to child-centred, inclusive and rights-based approaches to development.

Desirable knowledge or experience

- Direct experience working with the **Green Climate Fund** or other multilateral climate or development funds.
- Sectoral experience across areas such as education, health, water, food security or community resilience.
- Experience supporting technical capacity strengthening, learning or guidance development.
- Additional language skills (in particular French, Spanish)

Required qualifications and/or accreditations

- Degree(s) in a relevant subject, e.g., Climate Change, Environmental Sciences, International Development, etc.

Additional Information

- Any offer of employment at Save the Children Australia will be subject to a satisfactory National Police Record Check and a Working with Children Check
- Employees must sign on to Save the Children Australia's Child Safeguarding Policy and Code of Conduct
- Ongoing performance and employment will be measured against KPIs, values and demonstrated behaviours outlined above
- Save the Children Australia is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Driver's Licence: Not required **Travel:** Some required

Working with Children Check: Required **Assets:** Laptop and monitor