Position Summary:
ICCI’s Antarctica Director seeks to bring forward Antarctic science and climate change impacts from Antarctica to a global audience, with a focus on what global warming impacts on Antarctica will have on the rest of the globe. Special emphasis will be given to ice sheet loss and committed sea-level rise well beyond this century; and acidification, warming and freshening of the Southern Ocean. The position is especially appropriate to early career scientists whose research focused on one of these aspects of Antarctic science, as well as those with a policy interest sea-level rise and polar ocean impacts. The position that can also be structured as a science-policy post-doctoral Fellowship.

This exciting and varied work includes contacts with media, the scientific community, governments, non-governmental organizations, and international organizations, especially the UNFCCC, Antarctic Treaty system and nations concerned with adaptation to, and loss and damage from sea-level rise. Major emphasis each year is the ATCM meetings, which will be hosted by India (2024), Italy (2025) and Japan (2026). Formal work may begin in May-June or at any point through September 2024; but the ideal candidate would be able to attend portions of the ATCM in late May, together with the current incumbent as a learning experience.

The Antarctica Director works under the direct supervision of ICCI’s Global Director, and in close coordination with other Regional Directors (Arctic, Global Mountains, Outreach etc.), who largely comprise former diplomats, environment ministry or development experts; and active early career scientists. Frequent international travel (approximately quarterly) is required, including for annual climate conferences or “COPs” (2024 in Azerbaijan, 2025 in Brazil).

Strong emphasis is placed on commitment to address the climate crisis, and desire to work as a member of a close-knit, yet globally and culturally diverse, far-flung team. This position is virtual: ICCI was designed as a global virtual network since its founding in 2010, drawing on scientists and diplomatic expertise from around the globe. As a virtual organization, we take care to promote a close-knit culture despite distance, and through in-person meetings and retreats in conjunction with other international conferences.

RESPONSIBILITIES
Key:
- Manage day-to-day policy outreach and communications in relation to Antarctica in all relevant forums, especially the ATCM bodies and SCAR;
- Monitor media and research publications for relevant articles and papers;
- Establish and maintain relationships with Antarctic scientists and science journalists, the latter in coordination with the Outreach Director;
- Establish and maintain relationships with representatives of vulnerable low-lying nations and regions, in connection with potential sea-level rise from Antarctic ice loss, providing the latest
science and projections, especially in connection with the Ambition on Melting Ice (AMI) High-level Group, for which ICCI serves as Secretariat;

- Assist cryosphere scientists with policy-relevant Antarctic work in connection with preparation of the annual State of the Cryosphere Report;
- Develop informational materials such as print, video and social media material on Antarctica, as appropriate in coordination with the Outreach Coordinator;

Additional:
- Under the supervision of ICCI’s Director but with increasing independence, establish and maintain contacts within delegations of the ATCM;
- Participate in coordination meetings of the NGO umbrella group ASOC;
- Participate in bi-annual strategy meetings of the Ambition on Melting Ice group, as appropriate;
- Research and identify potential funding sources especially related to Antarctica;
- Other duties, as mutually agreed and as identified in the course of the above work.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:
- PhD (recent or in-progress) in some aspect of Antarctic science; alternatively, Bachelor’s degree in a relevant field, and a minimum of three years of program-related experience (including volunteer or internships) in the general fields of climate change, adaptation, environment or development, especially as relates to impacts from sea-level rise or ocean acidification.
- Excellent English language writing and speaking skills.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:
- At least one world language, in addition to English.
- Social media, web and/or graphics design expertise.
- Experience living and working in an overseas (in addition to country of origin) environment.

REMUNERATION AND FRAMEWORK:
- As with all ICCI Director positions, this is a consultancy with a one-year contract, renewable annually, with a current monthly honorarium of USD4000 (USD48,000/year), with dedicated time for publication preparation (in the case of post-doctoral students); ICCI has transitioned to a full-time four day work week, with flexible scheduling.
- The incumbent is responsible for self-employment taxes in accordance with regulations in the country of residency.
- Application is encouraged as soon as possible, and start date negotiable between May 1-September 1, 2024. Interviews will be conducted on a rolling basis.

HOW TO APPLY: Please send a current CV and cover letter/expression of interest to info@iccinet.org.

ICCI strongly supports a diverse and inclusive work culture and environment.

About ICCI: ICCI is a 501(c)(3), not-for-profit, nongovernmental organization in the United States, founded in 2010 in the wake of COP-15 in Copenhagen; and a non-profit organization, ICCI-Europe, founded in Sweden in 2012. ICCI works to protect the Earth’s frozen lands and waters - and thereby, the entire globe - from the impacts of climate change. The cryosphere spans areas of the planet covered seasonally or year-round in ice and snow, including the Greenland and Antarctica ice sheets, glaciers, snow, sea ice, permafrost and our polar oceans. As a network of both senior policy experts and leading researchers, ICCI works with governments, civil society and other actors to highlight the consequences of the rapid changes taking place in the cryosphere and the dynamics that drive them; promote rapid emissions reductions of 50% by 2030 to slow these; and support small-scale demonstration projects in support of mitigation and adaptation in mountain and near-polar regions. A message of both warning, and hope -- that it is NOT too late to prevent cryosphere collapse, but an active choice by global leaders and humanity -- is a key part of ICCI’s outreach mission.