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## International Technical Affairs Manager

### JOB SUMMARY

In line with IRU's vision to be the global leader on ensuring road transport is safe, efficient and green, the Manager – International Technical Affairs will play a critical role in leading IRU's outreach on technical affairs, while developing trust-based relationships with global organisations.

As a principal technical expert, the incumbent will be expected to anticipate global policy trends on environmental and safety relevant technical regulations, set technical priorities and propose effective strategies enabling sustainable operations for transport operators at an international level.

**Reports to:** Director Global Advocacy

**Direct Reports:** None

**Travel:** Up to 20%

**Location:** IRU Geneva

### RESPONSIBILITIES

#### 1. Green Compact Study (60%)

- Project management, including engagement with the external project partner(s).
- Coordinate members' input and facilitate exchange with the external partner(s) around the 5 Pillars of the Green Compact: 1. Alternative Fuels, 2. Efficient Logistics, 3. Collective Passenger Transport, 4. Vehicle Efficiency, 5 Driver Training
- Monitor progress on 6 regional reports and give advice to external partner(s) on key data and assessment methodologies.
- Work closely with the external partner(s) on building data partnerships and engaging with delegations, members and relevant external stakeholders to support the data gathering necessary for developing the regional reports.
- Implement the project plan, including meeting deadlines for deliverables and milestones.
- Prepare and present regular updates on the Green Compact evidence gathering to IRU statutory bodies, namely the passenger and goods transport Councils.
- Develop and draft CO2 mitigation and carbon neutrality action pathways in line with project findings.
- Support any potential follow up on implementation of study recommendations in relevant regions, including dissemination, testing and providing insights on study results.
- Support the Director Global Advocacy in organising roundtable debates to discuss study findings with international stakeholders and developing global policy initiatives based on the global Green Compact report.

#### 2. Technical Affairs Commission - CIT (20%)

- Set up and manage the Technical Affairs Commission, including regular face-to-face or virtual meetings.
- Develop a technical working programme based on regional and global needs.
- Implementation of the technical working programme and anticipate ad-hoc members' needs for support on technical issues.
- While acknowledging a specific EU agenda headed by the Brussels delegation, cooperate with delegations and regional representatives to ensure that technical positions and standards are consistent and built on global initiatives and IRU global positions.
- Assess and discuss environmental topics from a technical point perspective and with a view to support global advocacy, and regional advocacy, upon the region's request, suggest or give input to positions and build a trustful discourse with international regulators on technical matters.
- Draft global and international position papers and, if required by the regions, support IRU delegations in preparing regional position papers, or provide technical know-how and input upon request.
- Manage the global technical agenda at UNECE, specifically Working Party 29 (and related working groups), provide technical analysis and make policy recommendations, incl. on vehicle and safety regulations.

## **Global Advocacy Coordination & Representation with International IRU Regional offices (20%)**

The purpose of the role is to develop IRU global positions and work with international stakeholders, such as FIA, GLEC, IEA OICA, UNFCCC, WBCSD and technical regulatory authorities outside of the EU, including North America, South and East Asia, to anticipate technical needs and issues valid worldwide with a view to position IRU as an important global player on relevant technical levels, including but not limited to:

- Vehicle regulations
  - Safety regulations
  - Emission standards, including on pollutants and CO2
  - Automated driving
  - Vehicle to X communication
  - Trade affairs from an environmental perspective
  - Well-to-wheel emissions
  - CO2 measurement in mobility and logistic chains
  - CO2 pricing
  - Refueling Infrastructure needs around use cases
- Build strategic alliances with relevant international stakeholders and regulators on technical matters and collaborating with the regions and develop relations with passenger and goods transport members worldwide.
  - Lead the global environmental campaign, including, facts and figures to be used for marketing and communication purposes.
  - Ensure regular communication with internal and external stakeholders.
  - Key account and stakeholder management with suppliers, vehicle and component manufacturers etc.
  - Work closely with the market intelligence team of IRU.
  - Create technical competence within the organisation, disseminate knowledge and help to develop the IRU Intelligence Platform and market intelligence offer of IRU's value proposition to members.

## **COMPETENCIES, SKILLS & BEHAVIOURS**

- Proven ability to conduct, outreach and develop trust-based relationships with representatives of international organisations, industry representatives and international third party stakeholders
- Industry expertise in transport, mobility and customs with relevant customer knowledge
- Excellent interpersonal skills and ability to work effectively in a team.
- Drive for results with well-developed negotiation and commercial skills
- Excellent English, both orally and written
- Ability to develop trust-based relationships with members
- Strong analytical, problem solving and project management skills
- Influence & inspire internal & external stakeholders
- Positive, agile and prepared to adapt to change with short notice; proven organisational skills

## **QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE**

- In depth technical understanding of heavy commercial vehicles and related components, alternative fuels, Decarbonisation
- At least 10-15 years' advocacy experience having worked with a trade/transport association or a company related to the vehicle, energy or transport business
- Track record in environmental affairs
- Master's Degree in Engineering with an in-depth knowledge in technical affairs of vehicle and automotive regulations
- International work experience with the United Nations or a similar international organisation is a plus