

New Plastics Economy Team

Senior Research Analyst UK based.

The New Plastics Economy Global Commitment is one of the major programmes of the Foundation. It is a joint effort between the Ellen MacArthur Foundation and the UN Environment Programme, which unites businesses, governments, and other organisations behind a common vision and 2025 targets to address plastic waste and pollution at its source, starting with packaging. It is the world's leading voluntary commitment programme on plastics, its ambition level has set a new norm in the industry, and it is a reference point for investors and policymakers working on this topic.

The Global Commitment team is responsible for engaging with the signatories and managing the annual reporting by more than 200 businesses and governments on the progress they have made on their 2025 targets, drawing insights and conclusions from this and creating and publishing the annual [Global Commitment Progress Report](#).

Role and Responsibilities

You will be at the heart of a highly motivated team generating new insights and catalysing action toward a circular economy for plastics. We do this by inspiring and challenging our stakeholders through developing thought leadership content, tools and assets and creating unprecedented transparency on how plastic packaging is produced, used, reused and recycled.

With a focus on understanding and maximising transparency on progress being made by Global Commitment signatories, you will help to push the quality of data and insights we gather and translate them into compelling and accessible content to engage our target audiences. As part of this you will directly engage with a network of signatories across the plastics value chain – which includes many of the world's largest FMCGs and retailers – to learn about their efforts and guide their thinking around how they measure progress and the types of actions they can take.

Specifically, your role will involve:

Research and analysis. Working with the Global Commitment team, and external stakeholders and partners, to gather and analyse data from signatories to the Global Commitment to identify insights on progress trajectory, common challenges and leading solutions for the transition to the New Plastics Economy.

Knowledge transfer. Packaging knowledge and insights from the data into an annual report and other assets and tools in a way that is easy for external audiences to understand and engage with. Supporting the development and facilitation of workshops and other events, if required.

Stakeholder engagement. Working with a wide range of stakeholders including corporates, policymakers and NGOs, engaging them, advising them or collaborating with them to gather data and insights on progress and to drive alignment and ambition in their approach to measuring progress on plastics.

Representing the New Plastics Economy externally. Being a representative of the New Plastics Economy in meetings or on stage at events and conferences, able to clearly explain and convey our vision, the insights we generate from our work and to engage and advise stakeholders. This will include some travel.

Internal capability building. Actively contributing to developing the Foundation's expertise through the development of the Foundation's knowledge repository, with a focus on measuring progress towards a circular economy for plastics and plastic packaging.

Your profile

- At least 3+ years previous experience in analytical roles as well as an interest in the Plastics / circular economy agenda.
- You have a strong academic record and degree-level qualifications.
- You have strong planning and organisational skills with great attention to detail.
- You have good analytical skills and an eye for presentation of data and extraction of trends and conclusions from data.
- Our reports are all written in English and so you will have examples you can provide of writing you have produced to show the key insights you extract from multiple datapoints to construct a compelling, convincing narrative.
- You understand the need for corporate innovation as well as disclosure and you want to be part of a team that is at the forefront of shaping this agenda.

What we do

The Ellen MacArthur Foundation develops and promotes the idea of a circular economy. We work with, and inspire, business, academia, policymakers, and institutions to mobilise systems solutions at scale, globally.

Our mission is to accelerate the transition to a circular economy.

Our vision is a new economic system that delivers better outcomes for people and the environment. Business models, products, and materials are designed to increase use and reuse, replicating the balance of the natural world, where nothing becomes waste and everything has value. A circular economy, increasingly built on renewable energy and materials, is distributed, diverse, and inclusive.

Please apply with CV, and covering letter to:

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Please refer to our website to check the advertisement is still online before you apply as we interview on a rolling basis and may remove the ad before the closing date.

Desired starting date: asap

Closing date: 10th November 2021

Salary package: Up to £35k dependent on experience and including generous holiday allowance, gym membership, flexible working and multiple training opportunities.

Location: Our office is based in Cowes, Isle of Wight but there is the possibility of initial remote working owing to the ongoing Covid-19 situation.