

Tech Community of Expertise: Global Call for AI & Emerging Technologies Specialists

Results for Development is seeking experts to join the Tech Community of Expertise (Tech CoE) Specialist Network, a global network of on-call consultants who support the delivery of high-quality, demand-driven insights for technology systems strengthening.

Supported by the UK Government's Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), the Tech CoE aims to help partner countries access support in their digital transformation efforts, build capacity to develop local tech ecosystems, guide the development of responsible governance and policy frameworks, and support the adoption of technologies.

What we're asking from you

We are seeking global **artificial intelligence (AI) and emerging technologies** experts with the ability to translate technical knowledge into actionable solutions, with strong expertise in one or more of the following areas:

- **AI policy, governance, and regulation**
- **AI strategy and national AI readiness**
- **AI R&D, innovation, and technology ecosystems**
- **AI infrastructure, compute and data**
- **Applied AI and sectoral use cases**
- **AI adoption and implementation**
- **AI economics, investment, and private-sector development**
- **AI geopolitics and technology diplomacy**
- **AI, jobs, skills and inclusive development**
- **Capacity building and strategic S&T leadership**

By applying, you're expressing interest in joining a roster of specialists who may be called on to deliver short-term, high-impact assignments through our Helpdesk model in collaboration with the UK's FCDO.

R4D seeks applicants with experience developing, implementing and/or evaluating technology policies, initiatives, and programs across countries where FCDO operates. We

welcome applications from experts with experience working across **ODA-eligible and emerging-market contexts**, particularly in Sub-Saharan Africa, South and Southeast Asia, the Middle East and North Africa (MENA), and Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC). We also welcome applications from **UK-based experts** with experience in any of our focus regions.

R4D seeks to ensure equal opportunities and an inclusive working environment for all team members. Applications are encouraged from all qualified candidates without distinction on grounds of race, sex, age, religion, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity. We embrace diversity and differences.

What opportunities are available?

As part of the Tech CoE Specialist Network, you may be invited to:

- Respond to Helpdesk requests with **rapid research, briefings, or strategy support**
- Co-create **policy guidance**, facilitate **workshops**, or provide in-person/**embedded support** within partner institutions
- Support **program design, implementation, and MEL** in fast-moving contexts

Qualifications

- 7+ years of experience in one or more of the technology areas listed above, with a strong preference for work in the UK and/or one of the focus geographies
- Experience working with government stakeholders, development partners, and/or multilateral and bilateral funders
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills in English
- Highly collaborative and approachable
- Strong analytical and research skills
- Strong meeting facilitation, interpersonal, and project management skills
- Available to work on a short-term contract basis, sometimes on tight timelines

Scope, duration, and compensation

Given the flexible and demand-driven nature of the work, selection into the Tech CoE Specialist Network does not guarantee a minimum amount of work. Consultants should clearly communicate their availability to allow for project planning. A fixed daily rate will be

determined based on your request, level of expertise, and relevant experience. Please submit your proposed rate in the application form.

Where to apply and learn more

Apply now: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JYTN68F>

For questions, please contact: TCOEHelpdesk@r4d.org

Deadline: 15 September 2026

We encourage early applications, as profiles will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Please note that due to the large volume of applications, we cannot guarantee a response.