Senior/Principal Sector Economist  
Washington, DC

Background

IFC, a member of the World Bank Group, is the largest global development institution focused on the private sector in emerging markets. Working with 2,000 businesses worldwide, we use our six decades of experience to create opportunity where it’s needed most. In FY16, our long-term investments in developing countries rose to nearly $19 billion, leveraging our capital, expertise and influence to help the private sector end extreme poverty and boost shared prosperity. For more information, visit www.ifc.org

The Sector Economics and Development Impact Department, part of the Economics & Private Sector Development Vice Presidency in IFC, analyzes sectoral economic trends, and works closely with IFC Operations in formulating sector priorities and strategies, conducting policy dialogue, structuring, appraising, and monitoring investment projects and reporting on IFC’s impact.

The Department is looking to hire a Senior/Principal Sector Economist who will focus on private sector development in the technology/telecom sectors. Expertise in the financial, power/transport, health/education, and manufacturing/services sectors may also be considered.

Duties and Accountabilities

- Monitoring and analyzing trends and developments in the technology/telecom sector (or potentially other sectors) on the global and country level and producing reports with a focus on challenges, priorities, and opportunities for market creation and private sector development in the sector.
- Preparing economic assessments of key IFC investment projects, including the projects’ direct and broader impact, as well as expert advice and support to operational teams and managers on trends, key risks, and sector analysis during the project life cycle, in coordination with the respective industry strategists.
- Taking an active role in sector policy dialogue aimed at creating markets for private sector-driven development and maintaining a regular communication with key internal and external stakeholders.
- Liaising with partners from across the World Bank Group and at country level to ensure that support to countries and clients is well-coordinated.
- Preparing briefs, reports, and presentations to various stakeholders including senior management and the Board as well as external stakeholders.

Selection Criteria

- A post graduate degree in economics/finance/public policy or other relevant graduate degree from a reputable university.
- At least 10-15 years of experience demonstrating analytical skills in economics and private sector development work.
• Prior work experience in relevant sectors (with a preference for technology/telecom sectors) in a Development Finance Institution (DFI) or in the private sector and track record of working on sector strategies and policy related aspects.
• Knowledge of IFC or similar operational and portfolio work and a good understanding of investment projects and areas of focus is desirable
• Excellent understanding of financial and economic concepts and data
• Strong analytical and quantitative skills
• Excellent written and verbal communication skills and ability to communicate effectively with high level stakeholders.
• Senior/Principal Sector Economist (GG/GH level depending on the selected candidate’s level of qualification)
• Appointment Type: International Hire, 3-year term appointment