Senior/Principal Country 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 Country Economics and Engagement Department, part of the Economics & Private Sector Development Vice Presidency in IFC, will have two principal functions: assessing economic trends and opportunities for private sector development at country and regional level, and working closely with IFC Operations and partners in the World Bank Group in formulating country and regional strategies and conducting policy dialogue. Country Economists focus generally on the former, and colleagues in the Country Engagement Unit on the latter, but this is a collaborative effort. Policy engagements, in particular, are a joint responsibility.

The Country Economics and Engagement Department is looking to hire a Senior/Principal Country Economist who will focus on one of IFC’s regions (Africa, East Asia/Pacific, Europe/Central Asia, Latin America/Caribbean, Middle East/North Africa, and South Asia), but with flexibility to work on other countries/regions. The selected candidate will be included in the talent pool of the World Bank’s Macroeconomics and Fiscal Management Global Practice.

Duties and Accountabilities

- Monitoring and analyzing macroeconomic and economic policy developments in the assigned countries/region.
- Conducting country diagnostics and other research and analyses in order to identify private sector development priorities, with a view to promoting development outcomes and informing IFC and World Bank Group strategy.
- Conducting selected policy engagements, in coordination with other IFC and World Bank units, aimed at creating conditions for the development of the private sector and of markets.
- Providing operational support and input to investment and advisory project teams and managers on country/regional context, key risks and other country/region specific analysis during the project life cycle.
- Liaising with partners from across the World Bank Group and at country level to ensure that diagnostics and analyses are 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 in a country/regional context.
- Familiarity with IFC’s or similar Development Finance Institutions’ areas of focus and relevant experience in country/regional context.
- Knowledge of IFC operational and portfolio work and a good understanding of investment projects 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