

International Monetary Fund

Vacancy Announcement: Economic Analyst – CCAMTAC (NO-A equivalent)

Institution:

The International Monetary Fund (IMF)'s new Regional Capacity Development Center for the Caucasus, Central Asia, and Mongolia (CCAMTAC) provides technical assistance, hands-on peer workshops and other capacity development services on fiscal, monetary, financial sector, general macroeconomic and statistics issues to nine countries in the region: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan. CCAMTAC virtually opened in February 2021, the physical opening in Almaty is expected for early 2022. The office is headed by the CCAMTAC Director and staffed with a group of Resident Advisors / Long-Term Experts (LTXs), Administrators, and other staff. Support for its operations are provided by the host country, Kazakhstan, other member countries and a group of development partners.

The IMF invites applications for the following position: Economic Analyst (EA)

The position offers the opportunity to interact with experienced IMF staff, gain an understanding of the economic and financial policy challenges facing CCAM countries, and support the preparation of technical assistance delivery and TA-related training. The selected candidate will report to the CCAMTAC Director and work with the whole CCAMTAC team. The initial appointment is one year, renewable based on performance. The job is based in Almaty.

Duties & Responsibilities: Under the supervision of the CCAMTAC Director the EA supports the analysis, delivery and monitoring of the center's capacity development as well as outreach activities. The position includes the following duties and responsibilities:

Data work and analysis

- Collect and compile country and regional information, using financial or statistical databases from the IMF, other (international) organizations, statistical agencies, and country authorities and performs economic analysis;
- Perform data analysis and prepare tables and charts for CCAMTAC's steering committee reports, newsletters, as well as the annual report.
- Contribute to coordinating and drafting CCAMTAC's reports.

Capacity development delivery

- Coordinate a regional (virtual) research seminar series and other regional events / webinars;
- Support the preparation of technical assistance materials, including workshop presentations and hands-on exercises;
- Participate selectively, as the occasion arises, in the delivery of capacity development activities.

Monitor capacity development

- Support the CCAMTAC team to prepare the workplan of the center;
- Track the results of CCAMTACs' capacity development activities, based on the IMF's results-based management framework;

- Monitor and report on CCAMTAC activities to ensure that IMF headquarters, country officials, and development partners are regularly informed of the office's work on capacity development.

Outreach and other duties

- Prepare presentations for CCAMTAC outreach, including in close collaboration with IMF headquarter colleagues;
- Serve as a backup for CCAMTAC's other staff, depending on skills including possibly IT administration.

Background: A Master's degree in Economics or Finance from an accredited university, ideally including a study abroad period in an English-speaking program. The selected candidate should have a minimum of one to a maximum of five years of practical macroeconomic experience, e.g. gained through internships or relevant work experience, preferably with a strong analytical component in a macroeconomic research-related environment.

Main skills: The EA is expected to have an excellent background in macroeconomics / finance, with a good knowledge of data sources, economic analyses, sound judgment, statistical and econometric techniques. Excellent knowledge of MS Office (Excel, PowerPoint) is a must. Knowledge of software packages such as Stata, EViews, or MATLAB is a plus. A strong research interest in macroeconomic, fiscal or monetary policy topics is highly desirable. Also, successful completion of relevant online courses (from the IMF or other organizations) related to macroeconomic policies, forecasting and modelling would be an asset.

The EA will need to exercise appropriate discretion in dealing with sensitive material and cooperate closely with IMF headquarters in Washington. The EA should have strong project management, organizational and time-management skills, good interpersonal and teamwork skills, and effective communication skills—both verbal and written, including in English. In addition, the EA should have a good problem-solving ability and be able to work under tight deadlines. She / he is expected to learn new work, databases and IT systems pertinent to CCAMTAC; pursue training, as necessary; and, be comfortable in a multi-cultural office. Given time differences with IMF headquarters in Washington, DC work hour flexibility is needed. During the first months, the 8-hour working day may typically start early afternoon. Once the physical office in Almaty is open, office hours will follow a more regular workday schedule, with some flexibility. Access to a computer with high-speed Internet is needed, as the EA will initially work from home. Work experience in an international environment is a distinct advantage. This position is for local staff (from Kazakhstan).

Language: In addition to Kazakh or Russian, written and verbal fluency in English (the official language of the IMF and working language of CCAMTAC) is required.

Application procedure:

Please send a curriculum vitae/job resume and one-page cover letter in English describing your interest and suitability for the position by e-mail to CC-CCAMTAC@imf.org no later than June 11, 2021.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for an interview.