TERMS OF REFERENCE
Local Economist I

Organizational Setting

The Local Economist position is in the International Monetary Fund (IMF) Lebanon Resident Representative Office.

Duties and Responsibilities

Under general guidance and supervision of the Resident Representative, the Economist undertakes the following duties and responsibilities:

The local economist will be primarily responsible for monitoring and providing analysis on economic developments and policies in Lebanon as well as supporting IMF technical assistance to Lebanon. The local economist will also be expected to undertake analytical work on economic issues and contribute to IMF reports on Lebanon. The local economist will work closely with the existing local economist in the Resident Representative Office and the broader team in Washington DC (HQ), including by supporting the day-to-day dialogue and cooperation with technical counterparts in government, development partners, civil society and other stakeholders in Lebanon. The local economist will work under the direction of and report to the IMF Resident Representative in Beirut and the HQ-based Lebanon mission chief. The local economist will work from the Resident Representative Office in Beirut, with some flexibility to accommodate working from home.

Specifically, the local economist’s main duties and responsibilities will be to:

1) Monitor, analyze, and disseminate to the Lebanon team new economic data published by government agencies and other bodies.

2) Build and develop contacts with technical counterparts in government (including but not limited to the Ministry of Finance and the Central Bank) and participate in meetings with the Resident Representative and country team as needed.

3) Undertake broader analysis of political and economic developments and policies in coordination/cooperation with the Lebanon team.

4) Contribute to staff reports and analytical notes produced by the Lebanon team.
5) Coordinate, support and contribute to HQ and METAC technical assistance missions to Lebanon.

6) Participate in weekly meetings of the Lebanon team.

7) Support HQ missions to Lebanon, including by coordinating data and information requests and helping with meeting logistics as needed.

8) Participate in meetings with development partners, civil society and other stakeholders as needed and under direction of the Resident Representative.

Competencies:

Professional Competence – (a) sound knowledge of econometric and statistical analysis techniques and related principles underlying IMF economic work, (b) ability to diagnose and develop solutions to economic problems, (c) ability to interpret and present statistical information, (d) demonstrated ability to apply IMF software programs for economic/financial research and analysis and database management, (e) familiarity with macroeconomics and economic issues in Lebanon, (f) sound knowledge of principal sources and retrieval systems of economic and social development data, and (g) strong analytical and conceptual skills.

Program/Task Management – (a) understanding of policy and technical issues, (b) ability to develop clear goals for programs/projects, and own managed work that are consistent with country goals; ability to plan and organize work assignments independently within agreed objectives, (c) proven ability to anticipate, adjust to and prioritize a variety of complex, evolving tasks, e.g., assessing macro policy issues, monitoring soundness of country economic problems, and (d) act decisively; adapting and renegotiating plans as changes and problems occur.

Client (National) Focus – (a) monitors ongoing developments inside and outside the client’s environment to keep informed and anticipate problems, (b) seeks to understand problems and issues from the client’s perspective (c) works in partnership with client contacts, seeking feedback to improve work processes and enhance client satisfaction, and (d) gains trust and confidence by delivering quality work, advice, and expertise.

Communication – (a) demonstrates proficiency with respect to communications skills (listening effectively, speaking persuasively (as appropriate), writing clearly and concisely) in the performance of job, (b) deals effectively and diplomatically with member government officials, and (c) actively promotes teamwork and collaboration to achieve Resident Representative Office objectives.

Personal Leadership – (a) develops effective relationships with colleagues, inside/outside the organization; gains their confidence and trust, (b) actively contributes to meeting the objectives of the team, (c) is accessible to other staff, mentoring and offering guidance to colleagues, (d) takes
initiative to share knowledge and experience, (e) accepts and gives constructive feedback and (f) takes initiative to improve and pursues personal development and training programs.

**Teamwork** – (a) Proven ability to develop effective relations within/outside the Resident Representative offices, and to promote collaboration within the team to meet unit objectives.

**Qualifications and Experience:**

MA in macroeconomics, financial economics, or relevant fields, e.g., international economics, monetary economics, public finance, econometrics, labor economics, political economy, or international trade and finance, or equivalent combination of education and experience. Five or more years of relevant work experience (e.g., econometrics, statistics, finance) or equivalent experience preferred.

Proficiency in MS Office is required, including Excel. Proficiency in econometrics packages such as Stata, R or equivalent, and knowledge of statistical and econometrics techniques and macroeconomic relationships are highly desirable.

Fluency in Arabic and English is required (French proficiency desirable).

Deadline for applying is June 30, 2022
Please send resume and cover letter to RR-LBN@imf.org
(Please state in the subject of the email: Job Application to Local Economist)