

Local Economist – IMF Resident Representative Office for West Bank and Gaza Job Description

Duties & Responsibilities: Under general supervision, the Economist undertakes the following duties and responsibilities:

The local economist will be primarily responsible for monitoring and providing analysis on fiscal developments and policies in West Bank and Gaza as well as supporting technical assistance to the PA Ministry of Finance. The local economist will also be expected to undertake analytical work on fiscal issues and contribute to IMF reports on West Bank and Gaza. The local economist will support the day-to-day dialogue with the Ministry of Finance and work closely with the existing local economist in the Resident Representative Office as well as the fiscal economist for West Bank and Gaza and broader team in Washington DC (HQ). Further, the local economist will support the dialogue and cooperation with donors and other development partners, think tanks, NGOs, etc. in West Bank and Gaza. The local economist will work under the direction of and report to the IMF Resident Representative in Jerusalem and the HQ-based West Bank and Gaza mission chief. The local economist will work from the Resident Representative Office in Jerusalem, 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 West Bank and Gaza team new fiscal data published by the Ministry of Finance.
- 2/ Build and develop contacts in the PA Ministry of Finance and participate in meetings by the Resident Representative and country team as needed.
- 3) Undertake broader analysis of fiscal developments and policies in coordination/cooperation with the West Bank and Gaza team.
- 4) Contribute to staff reports and analytical notes produced by the West Bank and Gaza team.
- 5) Coordinate, support and contribute to HQ and METAC technical assistance missions to the Ministry of Finance.
- 6/ Participate in weekly meetings of the West Bank and Gaza team.
- 7/ Support HQ missions to West Bank and Gaza. Coordinate data and information requests and help with meeting logistics as needed.
- 8) Participate in local meetings with the PA, donors and other development partners, think tanks, NGOs, etc. 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 country 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 a given area of economics or country, (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; plans and organizes 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 team work 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, labour 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.

Proficiency in software applications is required, e.g., Excel and or econometrics packages such as TSP, EvIEWS, AREMOS, SAS, RATS, together with a knowledge of statistical and econometrics techniques and macroeconomic relationships.

Fluency in Arabic and English (Hebrew proficiency desirable).

Deadline for applying is April 11th 2022

Please send resume and cover letter to sjaouni@imf.org

(Please state in the subject of the email: Job Application to Local Economist)