



Resident Representative Office in Ghana

Vacancy Announcement

Economist I (NO-B)

The **International Monetary Fund (IMF) Resident Representative Office in Accra** is seeking to recruit a highly qualified Economist to join a small, dynamic team at the center of Ghana's macroeconomic policy dialogue, preferably **starting on 1st of September 2026**. The position offers a unique opportunity for a highly motivated and analytically strong economist to gain hands-on exposure to IMF surveillance, policy engagement, and outreach in a vibrant environment.

The position is offered as a one-year local contractual appointment, with the possibility of renewal for successive terms of up to three years, subject to continued need and satisfactory performance.

Candidates must be nationals or residents of **Ghana** or be able to independently obtain a valid work permit before starting employment with the Fund to be considered. Proof of nationality, residency, and/or work authorization will be required prior to starting employment. The IMF **will not sponsor or assist** with obtaining work permits.

Job Summary

The Economist supports the Head of Office and mission team as needed, through (a) performing analytical work, e.g., undertaking economic analysis, evaluating, monitoring, and assessing economic developments, policy and program design, and technical assistance, (b) contacting authorities, (c) monitoring a range of meetings, (d) drafting internal briefs summarizing key economic, political, and social developments reported in the national and international press, (e) providing logistical and substantive support to IMF missions visiting Ghana, etc.

Economists play a critical role in responding to emerging economic developments and evolving policy challenges. They work closely with international financial institutions, bilateral and multilateral partners, and a wide range of national stakeholders, while developing and maintaining high-quality country-level economic databases. Economists at this level are expected to work independently under the general guidance of the Head of Office, demonstrating sound judgment, initiative, and strong analytical skills. The role also involves supporting the broader team, including stepping in for the Head of Office or colleagues during periods of absence or peak workload, and contributing to a collaborative and high-performing work environment.

Duties and Responsibilities

Under general supervision, the Economist undertakes the following duties and responsibilities¹:

- Undertakes systematic monitoring, assessment, and evaluation of economic and related political developments/policies (particularly in the areas of production, prices, financial sector, money,

¹ The list of duties is illustrative of regular and recurring functions; however, the Economist is expected to back up others, substituting for the Head of Office, Office Manager, and mission team members, as needed. Performs other duties as required and assists in the smooth functioning of the office.

fiscal issues, and the balance of payments) in country of operation. Identifies problems and issues for discussion.

- As appropriate, provides IMF staff with complete, accurate, and current information with respect to country surveillance and develops and maintains databases. Responds to other internal requests for information.
- Collects/analyzes data and prepares a variety of written and statistical outputs.
- Contributes to institutional capacity building; monitors technical assistance provided by the Fund.
- Develops and maintains effective relationships/contacts with national technical staff, donor institutions, IFIs, other organizations regarding developments in country of operation.
- Assists visiting mission staff with respect to collecting and analyzing economic sector data. Prepares program/background notes for visiting missions.
- Participates in missions to collect/analyze data as well as exchange information with Government/Private Sector officials.
- Coordinates with the Communication Department, to develop, implement, and disseminate key pillars of an outreach and communication strategy within the country.

Qualifications

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., public administration, statistics, finance, econometrics) or equivalent experience. A PhD would be considered a plus.

Proficiency in software applications is required, e.g., Excel and econometrics packages such as R, Stata, Python, and Eviews, together with a knowledge of statistical and econometrics techniques and macroeconomic relationships.

Fluency in oral and written **English** is required.

To Apply

Interested candidates should submit (i) a curriculum vitae (CV), (ii) a cover letter, (iii) electronic copies of diplomas, (iv) identification documents (passport and/or national identity card) and (v) three professional references with contact details, to the attention of the Office Manager & Resident Representative (rr-gha@imf.org).

Application deadline: 25th of May, 2026.

The IMF is guided by the principle that the recruitment, classification, and assignment of staff are conducted without discrimination. We welcome requests for reasonable accommodation for individuals with disabilities during the selection process. Information on how to request such accommodation will be provided during the application process.