

Short Term Consultant – Research Economist

The World Bank Country Office in Nigeria is looking for a highly organized, energized and experienced professional, capable of operating effectively in a very demanding and fast-paced environment to serve as a Research Economist in the Macro and Fiscal Management (MFM) Global Practice on a Short-Term Consultancy contract spanning one year (150 working days) and subject to extension. Nigeria has the biggest portfolio for the World Bank Group in the Africa region. In this context, the MFM Global Practice has an expanding and critical work program in helping the WBG meet the development needs of the country, particularly in a dynamic and fragile environment.

The Research Economist will work in the MFM Global Practice in Nigeria to provide substantive research, analytical and statistical assistance in support of the work program. This will involve frequent interaction with the other MFM team members in the country office and in Washington DC; technical specialists from other Global Practices and Cross-Cutting Solution Areas within the Bank; Government; other development partners; civil society; think tanks; academic institutions; and consultants.

Duties & Accountabilities: Specifically, the Research Economist will be responsible for the following:

- Maintaining and updating various economic databases consisting of high and low frequency macro, fiscal, and social data for the Nigerian economy;
- Analysis and preparation of relevant write-ups. This will include modeling, producing charts and tables using data from the databases, models, and other sources; preparing regular and ad hoc statistical and economic reports, policy notes, briefs, and updates, some of which will be published;
- Support MFM task teams in preparing lending operations such as Federal and Subnational Development Policy Financing operations, as well as interventions in the fragile north-east of the country;
- Participate in other MFM activities, such as learning events, seminars, and workshops.

Selection Criteria

- Minimum of Master's degree in Economics from a reputable university, with five or more years of experience in the relevant discipline; PhD would be an added advantage;
- Excellent understanding of macroeconomic and fiscal issues; understanding of microeconomics and household-level statistical analysis would be a plus;
- Strong quantitative and analytical skills. Proven ability to analyze and present statistical information;
- Proven capacity to network and build confidence with key source data counterparts in a challenging environment;
- Computer proficiency in Excel spreadsheets and working knowledge of statistical and econometric packages such as E-Views, STATA, or similar will be an advantage;
- Effective written and spoken communication skills in English;
- Ability to work flexibly on a range of assignments, and to work under pressure to produce good-quality output in response to tight deadlines; Good judgment and a high degree of commitment to the job.
- Strong inter-personal and team skills, ability to develop effective relations within and outside the organization; interest in working in a diverse, multi-cultural team;
- Analytical ability and resourcefulness in performing varied tasks in the area of functional specialty;

Interested persons should send a Statement of Interest and a copy of their CV (in PDF format) to: iborisade@worldbank.org within one week of this publication (i.e. by Tuesday, October 20, 2015).