

Donor Funded Staffing Program

TOR No:	2025-084
Title:	Junior Professional Officer
Grade:	UC
Division/VPU:	Macroeconomics, Trade, and Investment – Macro Fiscal (EAEM1)/ Eastern & Southern Africa (AFEVP)
Duty Location:	Washington, D.C.
Appointment Type and Duration:	Two-year Term Appointment

BACKGROUND

The Macroeconomics, Trade, and Investment (MTI) Global Practice serves as the World Bank Group's primary platform for engaging with clients on macroeconomic policy, fiscal frameworks, trade, competition, and investment. MTI bridges macroeconomic dialogue with initiatives aimed at enhancing private sector contributions to economic development. Nearly half of MTI's professional staff are based in the field, working closely with Country Management Units (CMUs) to maintain proximity to clients and ensure effective collaboration. MTI experts frequently operate across sectors, fulfilling integrative roles that enhance the impact of their work. MTI leads the preparation and implementation of most of the World Bank's Development Policy Operations (DPOs), leveraging both International Development Association (IDA) and International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) resources to support structural reforms. The practice also undertakes a broad range of analytical and advisory activities (AAA), delivering high-quality diagnostics and policy advice that complement its macroeconomic expertise. For further details, please visit [MTI Global Practice](#).

The World Bank's Macroeconomics, Trade, and Investment (MTI) Global Practice (GP) is seeking to recruit a Junior Professional Officer (JPO) with strong technical and research skills to effectively contribute to MTI tasks in a culturally diverse environment. The position will be split between the World Bank office in Burundi and the World Bank Headquarters in Washington, D.C. The ideal candidate will be a motivated economist with strong analytical and interpersonal skills. Reporting to the World Bank Practice Manager for Macroeconomics, Trade, and Investment covering Eastern and Southern Africa, the selected candidate will serve as a core member of the EAEM1 MTI Burundi and Angola team, working closely with the Senior Economists for Angola and Burundi. The MTI work program in Angola and Burundi spans a broad range of activities, including: (a) Leading and contributing to lending operations; (b) Conducting analytical work on growth, fiscal policies, monetary and exchange rate policies, and climate policy; (c) Managing complex technical assistance projects; (d) Engaging in continuous policy dialogue with the government. The MTI GP also supports the broader World Bank country teams across all global

practices and maintains active engagement with academia, the private sector, media, and development partners to advance development objectives in these countries.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Responsibilities include the following:

- **Economic Updates and Briefs:** Prepare weekly economic updates and briefs on key issues.
- **Macroeconomic Monitoring and Analysis:** Contribute to the monitoring and analysis of Angola and Burundi's economic, financial, and sectoral issues.
- **Database Management:** Maintain, update, and develop macro-fiscal databases for Angola and Burundi.
- **Country Surveillance:** Support macroeconomic country surveillance, including contributions to the Macro and Poverty Outlook (MPO), Country Policy and Institutional Assessment (CPIA), Sustainable Development Finance Policy (SDFP), and the Economic Update Report.
- **Fiscal and Debt Analytics:** Support analytical and advisory activities (ASAs) on fiscal and debt issues, including Public Finance Reviews (PFR), Global Tax Program Technical Assistance, and Debt Sustainability Analysis (DSA).
- **Support to Dissemination:** Assist with the preparation and dissemination of analytical work.
- **Modeling and Toolkits:** Utilize and run economic and financial models or the Bank's proprietary toolkits to assess economic trends and inform policy advice.
- **Lending Operations:** Support the preparation and implementation of Development Policy Operations (DPOs) or other forms of lending.

Note:

The selected candidate will not be assigned to programs involving their own government such as donor coordination and trust fund management.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- **Education and Experience**
 - Master's or Ph.D. degree in economics, international development, public policy, or business/finance.
 - Strong academic and practical grounding in economics, with a minimum of three years of relevant professional experience.
- **Technical Skills**
 - Demonstrated analytical expertise in macroeconomic, fiscal, trade policy, and growth analysis, including issues related to climate change.

- Strong computational skills, including proficiency in macroeconomic partial and general equilibrium modeling (structural and non-structural approaches).
- Familiarity with economic and statistical software such as STATA, Matlab, Python, and/or EViews is advantageous.
- Knowledge and experience in the economic context and challenges of African countries are highly desirable.
- **Communication and Interpersonal Skills**
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills, with the ability to effectively engage with high-level stakeholders in English. French and/or Spanish/Portuguese proficiency is required.
- Well-developed interpersonal skills and a proven ability to work collaboratively in team-oriented and multicultural environments.
- High motivation, flexibility, and reliability, with a proactive and self-driven approach to work.
- Proven ability to work with minimal supervision in a fast-paced and dynamic environment.
- Alignment with World Bank Group Core Competencies, including problem-solving, teamwork, effective communication, and results orientation. (Details available at [WBG Core Competencies](#)).