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Job Description

This form summarises the purpose of the job and lists its key tasks. It is not a definitive list of all the tasks to be undertaken as those can be varied from time to time at the discretion of the School, in consultation with the postholder.

Job title: Policy Economist (Energy and Environment)

Department/Division: International Growth Centre
Accountable to: Director of Development and Communications

Job Summary:

The International Growth Centre works with policymakers in developing countries to promote inclusive and sustainable growth through pathbreaking research. The IGC is a global research centre with a network of world-leading researchers and in-country teams and initiatives working across Africa, South Asia, and the Middle East. The IGC works closely with partner governments to generate high quality research and policy advice on key growth challenges, focusing on four themes: state effectiveness, firms and trade, cities, and energy and environment. IGC's current partner countries include Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Ghana, Mozambique, Pakistan, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, and Uganda. We also have flexible engagements in more fragile states, including Liberia, Sudan and Yemen. Based at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) and in partnership with the University of Oxford, the IGC is majority funded by the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) with support from other global funders. We work to improve the productivity of people and firms as the key driver of sustainable economic development.

The IGC Policy Economist (Energy and Environment) coordinates and contributes to the portfolio of IGC activities – which includes pathbreaking new research, synthesis framing papers, stakeholder engagement, network building, fundraising and events – under the Energy and Environment theme at the LSE Hub. The role also supports the growing strategic priority of climate change and sustainable growth and how it relates to all aspects of thematic research at the IGC. The role offers an exciting and unique opportunity to shape the organisational focus of sustainable growth at the IGC, working directly with senior leadership to develop strategic priorities.



Duties and responsibilities:

1) Develop the IGC community of practice and support country teams:

- Become an expert in the IGC's research findings and the policy issues faced by countries in the area of Energy and Environment. Facilitate the sharing of research and policy findings on Energy and Environment across the IGC network, thereby supporting cross-country learning.
- Build relationships with IGC researchers in the area, facilitating their engagements with national, regional and global policy communities to maximise the policy impact of IGC research.
- Support IGC country programmes on their Energy and Environment related priorities and agenda, including participating in thematically focused country strategic meetings, and developing demand-led synthesis papers.
- Facilitate the development of research projects to address country demands and priorities, including identifying relevant researchers.

2) Drive thematic programme management and support research commissioning:

- Review projects commissioned under the Energy and Environment theme, in particular projects from the Small Project Facility commissioning mechanism. Make suggestions to improve the scope or design of some of these projects.
- Support in coordinating the process of the call for proposals and commissioning for programmes and specific to the Energy and Environment theme.
- Support the programme management of the portfolio of projects commissioned.
- Ensure the quality of the data associated with these projects.
- Review project outputs commissioned under the theme Energy and Environment.

3) Support the development of an IGC focus on sustainable growth:

Work with the IGC senior management to develop a strategy and nurture a network of practitioners, policy makers, and other relevant stakeholders to support increased evidence-based policy making under the theme of sustainable growth. Activities include:

- Work closely with IGC senior management to flexibly support and identify key priorities that further strategic aims related to sustainable growth
- Nurture a network of researchers, practitioners, policy makers, and other relevant stakeholders to support increased research generation and evidence-based policy making
- Lead on the production of evidence and frontier research-based outputs - policy toolkits, briefs, case studies and other synthesis products, including dedicated webpages. Guides will frame analysis around key decisions, and ensure outputs are in formats that are accessible for a diverse range of stakeholders, including practitioners and policymakers.
- Organise conferences, events and topic-specific workshops for researchers, practitioners and policymakers that facilitate discussion and dissemination of evidence. Promoting IGC research in different occasions, from international events and conferences to blogs and other outputs.
- Work across teams in the organization, including other thematic initiatives, monitoring, evaluation and learning (MEL), and communications, to promote and develop more activity in this area.
- Supporting fundraising efforts in this area including proactively identifying funding opportunities and writing bids.

4) Flexibility to support other areas of strategic priority to senior management:

Including priority country engagements, conferences, and donor engagement – themes may go beyond energy and environment.

Flexibility

To deliver services effectively, a degree of flexibility may be required in the duties performed in order to meet the exigencies of service. Job roles may also naturally develop over time and ongoing substantial changes to a role will be discussed between line managers and their staff, with job descriptions updated as and when appropriate. At times, the post holder may need to support other themes in the IGC, depending on needs and capacity.



Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI)

LSE is committed to building a diverse, equitable and truly inclusive university. All posts (and post holders) will seek to ensure diversity and inclusion, while opposing all forms of unlawful and unfair discrimination on the grounds of age, disability, gender identity, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, nationality, ethnic or national origin, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation, or social and economic background.

Ethics Code

Posts (and post holders) are assumed to have a responsibility to act in accordance with the School's Ethics Code and to promote the principles and values that the Code enshrines. The Ethics Code clearly states that the whole LSE community, including all staff, students, and governors of LSE, are expected to act in accordance with the principles which are set out in the Code. As such you are required to read and familiarise yourself with it. The School's Effective Behaviours Framework is designed to support this Code. It sets out examples for the six behaviours that all staff are expected to demonstrate, these can be found on the following link: [click here](#)

Environmental Sustainability

The post holder is required to minimise environmental impact in the performance of the role, and actively contribute to the delivery of the LSE Environmental Policy.