



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 post holder.

Job title: IGC Hub Economist for the Country Programme

Department/Division: International Growth Centre Accountable to: IGC Country Programme Director

Job Summary:

The International Growth Centre aims to promote sustainable growth in developing countries by providing demand-led policy advice based on frontier research. The IGC directs a global network of world-leading researchers and in-country teams in Africa and South Asia. The IGC works closely with partner governments to generate high quality research and policy advice on key growth challenges, focusing on four themes: state, firms, cities and energy. IGC's current partner countries include Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Ghana, India, Kenya, Liberia, Mozambique, Myanmar, Pakistan, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, South Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia. Based at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) and in partnership with the University of Oxford, the IGC is funded by the UK Department for International Development (DFID).

Hub Economists for the Country Programme (Hub Country Economists) lead on the management and coordination of individual country programmes from the London Hub. They support and monitor the implementation of country strategies, working closely with country teams to support world-class research and maximise policy impact. They work closely with the Country Programme Director to facilitate cross-country learning and enhance the effectiveness of the country programme as a whole. Working with country teams, they also draw out key lessons from IGC work, supporting and contributing to high-quality policy and research outputs to promote innovative growth policy ideas.



Key tasks/Responsibilities:

- Lead on the management and coordination of individual country programmes from the London Hub.
- Support the work of the Country Leaderships Teams (Country Directors and Lead Academics) in developing, implementing and monitoring the Country Strategy
- Work with Country Leadership Teams and Country Economists to ensure the integration of the policy and research agendas in IGC's work programme in their respective countries, in the context of the evolving country situation.
- Support the Country Leadership Team in managing the country program with all stakeholders, including government authorities, multilateral and bilateral IGC partners and other domestic stakeholders (from both public and private sectors).
- Take joint responsibility with the Country Teams for programme management, including drafting work plans, terms of reference, budget management, forecasting and ensuring value for money
- Play a role in facilitating research projects in the countries of engagement to meet country demands and priorities
- Collaborate actively with Country Team members in preparing the ground for country visits and IGC events
- Identify and communicate research and policy findings both within and across country programmes
- Support and contribute to the creation and delivery of high quality policy and research outputs. These include policy briefs, research papers, synthesis papers, and growth events for dissemination of research/analytical work.
- Support the dissemination of Research and Country Programme findings
- Work to ensure the quality of IGC research by supporting the regular calls for proposals and the development of small projects.
- Support the monitoring and evaluation of IGC work in terms of research quality and impact on policy
- Take responsibility for regular reports on IGC activity for dissemination externally (via web portals) and internally, including annual and other reports for the IGC funder, and monthly/quarterly workplan updates.
- Report to IGC senior management on assigned responsibilities

Note

The LSE has a progressive pay structure that rewards you with annual pay increases up to a certain level as you develop in your role. We also provide for further reward past this point in the form of further pay increases based on exceptional performance.

Flexibility

To deliver services effectively, a degree of flexibility is needed, and the post holder may be required to perform work not specifically referred to above. The post holder will be required to travel for work and must be willing to work non-standard hours, including those required by working with IGC partner countries teams in multiple and diverse time zones.

Equality and Diversity

LSE believes that equality for all is a basic human right. We actively encourage diversity and inclusion, while opposing all forms of unlawful and unfair discrimination on the grounds of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.

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.