

## INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND

The IMF- South Asia Regional Training and Technical Assistance Center (SARTTAC), is a collaborative effort between the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and several bilateral donors with a mission to strengthen the skills of officials from the six member countries (Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, and Sri Lanka) in economic analysis, diagnosis, and policy formulation through the provision of capacity building advice and skill development in the IMF's core areas of macroeconomic and financial management.

### **The IMF invites applications for the following position: Economic Analyst**

The Economic Analyst (EA) provides substantive research, analytical, econometrics, and statistical assistance in support of economic work. Incumbents of these positions proactively contribute to resolving relatively complex and challenging research and analysis issues. They work independently, seeking guidance and instruction on new, unusual or complex assignments, and report to the Director (SARTTAC) and Deputy Director. The incumbent is expected to back up others and perform similar assigned work during absences and periods of heavy workload.

The EA supports the operational and policy work of SARTTAC management and economists/resident advisors and provides back-up services to the SARTTAC's Information Technology (IT) officer. The position offers the opportunity to interact with experienced IMF economists, gain a comprehensive understanding of the economic and financial policy challenges facing Asian countries, and supplement academic training with practical, policy-oriented, knowledge. The initial appointment is one year, renewable based on performance.

The job is based in New Delhi at SARTTAC, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Worldmark 2, Aerocity, New Delhi, India-110037.

**Duties & Responsibilities:** Under general supervision, the Economic Analyst (EA) undertakes the following duties and responsibilities:

Independently researches, collects and compiles country information; maintains and updates quantitative and qualitative economic, financial or statistical databases. Holds discussions with relevant authorities as required, in order to attain specific data.

Processes, consolidates, and transforms data sets, within and between databases, using statistical and/or econometric techniques.

Keeps abreast of developments with respect to IMF policies and new sources of data, and identifies relevant country information, developments and trends.

Evaluates economic, financial or statistical relationships in databases.

Verifies and reviews databases for accuracy, reliability, coverage and current status.

Actively seeks new sources of economic data to identify country economic trends, relevant information, or developments.

Researches published material as well as internal/external databases.

Analyzes economic time series data, defines data needs and requirements for use by country office.

Analyzes data properties and applies econometric methodology, using econometrics packages to estimate empirical relationships of economic variables.

Performs econometric estimations, model simulations and forecasts.

Produces charts, graphs, and tables.

Drafts correspondence to external organizations and country authorities.

Contributes to mission reports.

Participates in technical/policy meetings as required.

Coordinates with EXR with respect to the development, implementation and dissemination of an outreach strategy within the country.

Responds to internal/external queries on published work and/or underlying data with regard to technical and methodological issues.

Research, collect, and compile information on economic and financial issues to support SARTTAC training and research activities.

Maintain and update quantitative and qualitative economic, financial, and statistical databases. Design systems to facilitate interface between external and in-house data bases.

Prepare presentations and databases to be used in SARTTAC training activities.

Work with the Director to pull together the workplan of the center for the year and produce required statistical tables and graphs for the report on activities and work progress. Assess progress on the workplan via SARTTAC's results-based management system.

Serve as a backup for SARTTAC's IT Officer who helps course participants with any computing issues, and manages all IT and AV equipment at SARTTAC.

Performs other duties as required.

**Work implies frequent interaction with the following:**

Office staff at all levels.

IMF Headquarters staff.

Other bilateral/multilaterals

Government and Private Sector officials

Results Expected: The incumbent is expected to consistently demonstrate the ability to work independently and proactively contribute to resolving relatively complex and challenging country research and analysis issues.

**Competencies:**

Professional Competence : (a) knowledge of econometric and statistical analysis techniques and related principles underlying IMF economic work, (b) ability to interpret and present statistical information, (c) demonstrated ability to apply IMF software programs for economic/financial research and analysis and database management, (d) familiarity with a given area of economics or country, (e) good knowledge of principal sources and retrieval systems of economic and social development data, and (f) strong analytical and conceptual skills.

Program/Task Management : (a) fully recognized skill to work flexibly on a range of assignments, and (b) proven ability to anticipate, adjust to and prioritize a variety of complex, evolving tasks, mastering unfamiliar work quickly in a committed fashion.

Client (National) Focus : (a) monitors ongoing developments inside and outside the client's environment to keep informed and anticipate problems, (b) seeks to understand problems and

issues from the client's perspective, (c) works in partnership with client contacts, seeking feedback to improve work processes and enhance client satisfaction, and client problems, and (d) participates in training of country officials on statistical concepts.

**Communication :** (a) demonstrates superior communications skills (listening effectively, speaking persuasively, writing clearly and concisely) in the performance of research and analysis tasks, e.g., recognized as an effective team player in the conduct of research when collecting information from local officials or in providing technical assistance on specific issues.

**Personal Leadership :** (a) is accessible to other staff, mentoring and offering guidance to colleagues, (b) takes initiative to share knowledge and experience, (c) accepts and gives constructive feedback and (d) takes initiative to improve and pursues personal development and training programs.

**Teamwork :** (a) Proven ability to develop effective relations within/outside SARTTAC Office, and to promote collaboration within the team to meet unit objectives.

### **Qualifications and Experience:**

MA/MS (Economics/Finance) in economics, finance, statistics or computer science.

Two or more years of relevant work experience (e.g., econometrics, statistics, finance) or equivalent experience.

Proficiency in software applications is required, e.g., Excel and PowerPoint, and or econometrics packages such as TSP, Eviews, STATA, AREMOS, SAS, RATS, together with a knowledge of statistical and econometrics techniques and macroeconomic relationships. Proficiency in using Windows Operating System, MS office and antivirus program.

Demonstrated proficiency in English (ability to read in English), with good writing skills in English.

**Please send your curriculum vitae by January 8, 2018** to the e-mail address listed below.

Please state that you are applying for the EA position and provide a telephone number and e-mail address where you can be contacted.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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