

JOB VACANCIES

The Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning-Ghana is seeking qualified candidates for the following positions;

- 1. Natural Resource and Environmental Economist**
- 2. Macroeconomist**
- 3. Real Sector Economist**

Natural Resource and Environmental Economist

Primary duties

The main tasks of the natural resources economist will include

- Advising the GOG on how to maximize revenues from natural resources effectively and transparently, drawing on international best practice in negotiating concessions and managing royalties.
- Preparing state of the art analysis of natural resources' (minerals, forestry and wildlife, fisheries, water, oil in the future) contribution to the economy
- Establishing systems for returns reporting, data tracking and collaboration/coordination mechanisms between MoFEP and relevant sectoral agencies for monitoring purposes.
- Assessing data on natural resource rents and their distribution (GoG, communities, private sector)
- Developing natural resources satellite national accounts to monitor the impact of natural resource depletion on national savings
- Developing scenario economy-wide impact analysis of adaptation to climate change and to build on existing CGE models to analyze various adaptation scenarios and climate change policies at the macro level;
- Closely following development on the emerging carbon market and seeking opportunities for Ghana

The "ideal candidate

- Must be a Ghanaian citizen;
- Must have a firm grounding of Ghana's relations with her development agenda, strategy, and priorities, including Ghana's relations with her development partners;
- Must be very familiar with fiscal and monetary architecture of the Republic of Ghana;
- Must understand and appreciate the work of policy-oriented institutions, particularly in the public sector;
- Must have strong analytical skills;
- Must have excellent presentation skills;
- Should be a well-rounded macroeconomist; who works within a clear conceptual framework; is comfortable "navigating" around the different

sectors of Ghana's economy; and understands the linkages between these sectors;

- Must be capable of writing relevant high-quality policy papers, as well as shorter targeted notes and briefs, to guide the work of the Ministry;
- Must be able to meet tight deadlines and maintain professional working relationships with persons at all levels
- must be willing and able to coach and build the technical capacity of junior staff;
- Must show interest, and aptitude for, working with Ghana's development partners (DPs).

Educational Requirements and Qualifications

- A graduate level training in macro-economics at the PhD level with a specialized slant towards natural resources and environmental economics
- At least 5 years post qualification experience
- Must be strong in national accounting and taxation issues related to natural resources
- Must have hands-on experience in the construction of Social Accounting Matrices (SAMs) and in CGE modeling
- must have a good command of the English language (both written and oral);
- must possess excellent interpersonal, writing, and quantitative skills;
- must be highly computer literate;
- Must have some knowledge and workings of the legislative process in Ghana, particular those that pertain to MoFEP and the departments and agencies under the jurisdiction of the ministry.

2. Macroeconomist

Primary Duties

The main tasks of the Macroeconomist will include:

- preparing state of the art macroeconomic analysis of Ghana's economy;
- development of the macroeconomic framework and the associated fiscal framework in collaboration with other relevant institutions to assist in the determination of the resource envelope for the annual budget and for the medium term;
- preparation of a multi-year macroeconomic forecasts within the MTEF concept;
- collecting processing and analyzing National Accounts and Public Finance data;
- closely following economic developments in Ghana;
- Elaborating on linkages between different aspects of macroeconomics, with special attention to Public Finance developments.

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- must be willing and able to work in a team towards a common goal, making significant contributions to the team's work, sharing information within the team;
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Educational Requirements and Qualifications

We are looking for candidates with the following background:

- a graduate-level training in macroeconomics at the Ph.D. level with a specialized slant towards public finance;
- at least a 5-year post qualification experience, preferably in the public "sector or other similar environment;
- must be very strong in econometrics and macroeconomic modeling, including those related to poverty issues;
- must have a good command of the English language (both written and oral);
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3. Real Sector Economist

Primary Duties

The Real Sector Economist is responsible for the overall growth strategy of Ghana. Specific responsibilities include:

- analysis of macroeconomic policy effects on real "sector development";
- analysis of factors impeding progress in certain economic sectors as well as working out policy recommendations to address those constraints;
- ensuring development of these sectors and acceleration of economic growth;
- interpret, apply and adapt indicators to determine trends, patterns and sector relationships and to analyze the effects of alternative policies on sector economic growth;
- develop an interface between the real sector and the financial sector in collaboration with the macroeconomist in order to be able to adequately assess the microeconomic impacts of various macroeconomic policies;
- advise on issues of competitive environment development;

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- must be very "Strong in econometrics and macroeconomic modeling, including those related to poverty issues;
- Must have hands-on experience in the construction of Social Accounting Matrices (SAMs) and in CGE modeling, and in using such techniques to study the linkages between key sectors of the economy;
- must have a good command of the English language (both written and oral);
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MODE OF APPLICATION

Interested applicants are to submit applications with detailed curriculum vitae to:

**The Chief Director
Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning
P.O. Box MB.40
Accra**

Deadline for Submission of Applications: Not later than May 30, 2006. Only short-listed applicants will be contacted.