

JOB DESCRIPTION

Junior Professional Associate (Energy) Middle East and North Africa Region

Summary:

Job Title: Junior Professional Associate

Network: Sustainable Development

Sector: Energy

Department: MNSSD

Grade: JPA

Appointment Type: Term (Duration 2 years) JPAs are initially hired for one year.

Language Preferences: English (Essential), French (Essential), Arabic (Desirable)

Location: Washington, DC

Background:

The MNA Region aims to serve its partner countries through its country teams working on the basis of priorities established in the CAS process. The regional management attaches particular importance to creating a supportive work environment based on the values of teamwork, transparency, trust and client services, accompanied by professional excellence.

Many of the countries in the region are middle-income and are eligible for IBRD borrowing, but some are IDA or Trust Fund recipients (Yemen, Djibouti, Iraq, West Bank Gaza), while others have no need of Bank lending but seek reimbursable technical assistance (principally Gulf Cooperation Council countries, Libya and Algeria). Some countries are conflict-affected, and require flexible responses from the Bank.

The mission of the Middle East and North Africa Sustainable Development Department (MNSSD) is to foster economic and social development, reduce poverty, and promote sound environmental management. Its work program is growing, responding to demand from its middle-income and IDA clients, whose needs from the Bank are increasingly strategic and cross-sectoral in nature. The Department is responsible for the following sectors: Environment, Social Development, Agriculture and Rural Development, Urban, Water, Energy and Transport. Its Management Team includes a Sector Director, four Sector Managers, an Executive Assistant, and an Office Manager.

The MNSSD Energy program priorities include sector reform, investment planning, regional integration, energy efficiency and scale-up of renewable energy. The unit provides assistance to clients utilizing a range of instruments such as loans, grants, risk mitigation instruments, upstream analytic and advisory support as well as reimbursable technical assistance.

Duties and Accountabilities:

MNSSD seeks a Junior Professional Associate in the energy sector:

The duties and accountabilities include:

- contributing to development of a regional energy work program;
- contributing to project identification, appraisal, and supervision in the oil, gas, and electricity sectors and energy efficiency;
- contributing to reimbursable technical assistance;
- contributing to AAA activities with an energy sector focus, or energy components of DPRs, CEMs, PERs, environmental reports etc.,

Selection Criteria:

M.A. or M.Sc in relevant areas (e.g. engineering, economics or business administration, or equivalent).

A minimum of at least two years of relevant experience, preferably in energy .

Ability to work on a range of issues including policy, technical and financing aspects

Demonstrated effectiveness in liaising with government officials and other stakeholders (private sector, donor community and civil society). (desirable)

Experience in working with international and bilateral organizations (desirable)

Good diplomatic skills, with ability to work in a multicultural environment and an inter-disciplinary team •

Excellent analytical and organizational skills; •

Excellent written and verbal communication in English and French

Good office information technology skills; •

Previous work experience in the MNA region would be an asset.

Willingness to travel extensively in the MNA region.

The World Bank Group is committed to achieving diversity in terms of gender, nationality, culture, and educational background. Individuals with disabilities are equally encouraged to apply. All applications will be treated in the strictest confidence.