

Stellenausschreibung für junge österreichische Expert/innen bei der Weltbankgruppe (WBG)

Position als Junior Professional Officer (JPO)

Die **Weltbankgruppe mit Sitz in Washington** zählt zu den wichtigsten Internationalen Finanzinstitutionen (IFI). Durch Kredite, technische Assistenz und einer Vielzahl von anderen Instrumenten unterstützt sie den nachhaltigen sozialen und wirtschaftlichen Fortschritt in Entwicklungs- und Schwellenländern. Mit ihrer Vision einer lebenswerten Welt frei von Armut und den strategischen Zielen, (i) der Auslöschung extremer Armut bis 2030 und (ii) der Steigerung des Wohlstands der einkommensschwachen Bevölkerung, trägt die Weltbankgruppe zu den nachhaltigen Entwicklungszielen (SDGs) der Agenda 2030 der Vereinten Nationen bei.

Das Bundesministerium für Finanzen (BMF) unterstützt den Einstieg von Österreicher/innen mit Interesse an einer Tätigkeit in multilateralen Finanzinstitutionen. Das **Donor Funded Staffing Program der Weltbankgruppe** bietet österreichischen Jungakademiker/innen die Chance, einen zumindest zweijährigen Einsatz als JPO bei der Weltbankgruppe zu absolvieren. Derzeit sucht das BMF engagierte und qualifizierte Bewerber/innen für die folgenden Positionen:

- JPO in der **Global Debt and Macroeconomics Unit** mit einem Fokus auf **Schuldenmanagement und -nachhaltigkeit**, welcher auch die Analyse der Interaktion von Verschuldung und Fiskalpolitik umfasst.
- JPO in der **Regional Infrastructure-Energy Unit** mit Fokus auf **Ostasien und Pazifik** und einem thematischen Schwerpunkt auf **erneuerbare Energie und Energieeffizienz** sowie **regionalen Strommärkten**.
- JPO in der **Environment, Natural Resources, and Blue Economy Global Practice** mit einem Fokus auf der umweltökonomischen Analyse von Politikmaßnahmen, insbesondere in Bezug auf **Biodiversität**.

Letzter Tag der Bewerbungsfrist: 3. April 2024

Allgemeine Voraussetzungen für eine Bewerbung als JPO

- Österreichische Staatsbürgerschaft
- Abgeschlossenes Master- oder Diplomstudium
- Ausgezeichnete Englisch-Kenntnisse in Wort und Schrift
- Einschlägige Berufserfahrung (mindestens 3 Jahre nach Studienabschluss)
- Bereitschaft zum Einsatz in Washington, D.C.
- Relevante Zusatzqualifikationen sind von Vorteil (z.B. Post-Graduate-Studien, Praktika im internationalen Kontext und weitere Fremdsprachenkenntnisse)

Darüberhinausgehende spezifische Anforderungen für die jeweilige Position finden Sie im detaillierten Stellenprofil auf bmf.gv.at bzw. im Anhang dieses Dokuments (ab Seite 3).

Bewerbungsunterlagen:

- Motivationsschreiben für die angestrebte Position in englischer Sprache
- Strukturierter Lebenslauf in englischer Sprache
- Universitäts- bzw. Fachhochschulabschlusszeugnisse sowie anderweitige relevante Arbeitszeugnisse
- Weitere Unterlagen sowie etwaige Publikationen sind erst im Falle eines Interviews mitzubringen

Bewerbungsverfahren:

Bitte senden Sie Ihre Bewerbung mit dem Stichwort „IFI-Jobs“ bis zum **3. April 2024** an: entsendungsbuero@bmf.gv.at.

Im Zuge eines strukturierten Auswahlprozesses, der in einem ersten Schritt durch das BMF durchgeführt wird, werden die bestgeeigneten Bewerber/innen vom BMF ausgewählt und in einer Shortlist der WBG vorgeschlagen. Bewerbungsgespräche werden entweder persönlich im BMF oder virtuell (Skype for Business) abgehalten. In einem zweiten Schritt führt die WBG auf Basis der Shortlist des BMF selbst weitere Interviews durch; ihr alleine obliegt dann auch die Entscheidung über die konkrete Besetzung.

Hinweis: Falls Sie generell über Stellenausschreibungen bei IFIs informiert werden möchten, senden Sie Ihren Lebenslauf (in englischer Sprache) mit dem Stichwort „IFI-Jobs“ an post.iii-3@bmf.gv.at. Sie werden auf einen entsprechenden E-Mailverteiler aufgenommen.



Donor Funded Staffing Program

TOR No:	<u>2024-022</u>
Title:	Junior Professional Officer
Grade:	UC
Division/VPU:	East Asia and Pacific Regional Infrastructure- Energy Unit (IEAE1/ EAPVP)
Duty Location:	Washington, D.C
Appointment Type and Duration:	Two-year Term Appointment

BACKGROUND

The Infrastructure Practice Group Globally, 840 million people live more than 2 kilometers from all-weather roads, 1 billion people lack electricity, and 4 billion people lack Internet access. Access to basic infrastructure services is critical for creating economic opportunities for the poor. The Infrastructure Practice Group is charged with developing sustainable solutions to help close infrastructure gaps in developing and emerging economies.

The World Bank helps developing countries build smart infrastructure that supports inclusive and sustainable growth, expands markets, creates job opportunities, promotes competition, and contributes to a cleaner future. We help countries address their unique infrastructure needs by working with the public and private sectors. Infrastructure improves lives by connecting people to opportunity. For more information: <https://www.worldbank.org/en/topic/infrastructure>

Energy & Extractives Global Practice

Energy is at the heart of development. Energy makes possible the investments, innovations and new industries that are the engines of jobs, inclusive growth, and shared prosperity for entire economies. Universal access to affordable, reliable and sustainable and modern energy – Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 7 -- is essential to reach other SDGs and is at the center of efforts to tackle climate change. For more information: <https://www.worldbank.org/en/topic/energy>

The East Asia and Pacific Region (EAP) Regional Infrastructure Department (IEADR)

The EAP region serves 22 client countries with a total population of about 2 billion. Clients range from large IBRD countries such as China, Indonesia, Vietnam, and the Philippines; to smaller IDA countries (or IDA/IBRD blend countries) such as Cambodia, Laos, Mongolia, several Pacific Island states, Papua New Guinea, and Timor-Leste. The EAP region presents a dramatic illustration of

the global dynamics, opportunities, and risks of the 21st century. EAP has made spectacular progress towards achieving the WB's twin goals, eliminating extreme poverty and boosting shared prosperity – extreme poverty declined faster than any other region and the income of the bottom 40 percent increased substantially. Such a rapid transformation has made EAP one of the most dynamic regions in the world. However, it also faces important challenges such as managing the largest shift in rural-to-urban population in human history, coping with rising inequality, addressing large infrastructure gaps, dealing with climate change, and building human capital.

The EAP Infrastructure Department (IEADR) is responsible for project lending and policy advisory work in the energy, transport and related climate action and private capital mobilization space for the EAP Region. The department presently comprises an energy and extractives unit (IEAE1) and a transport unit (IEAT1). Each of these two units is managed by a Practice Manager (PM) based in Singapore. We have a total complement of about 80 staff who are based in over a dozen EAP countries and Washington, D.C. The department is led by a Infrastructure Regional Director (RD), who reports to the EAP Regional Vice-President (RVP). The RD and PMs are part of the EAP Regional Management Team and are also from a matrix organization perspective a part of the Infrastructure Practice Group (PG) led by the Infrastructure Vice President (INFVP).

The IEADR department has a transport and energy lending portfolio of approximately \$10 billion – and a diverse program of analytic and advisory work. The portfolio includes a mix of instruments – Investment Project Financing (IPF), Development Policy Financing (DPF), Program for Results (PforR) and Guarantee (GU). The principal themes underlying the infrastructure department's lending and advisory engagements include: access to modern energy services and all-weather roads and transport services; transitioning to a clean energy mix away from coal, green urban mobility and transportation systems; building climate resilient energy and transportation infrastructure; integrating urban planning and mobility solutions; financial restructuring of state-owned infrastructure enterprises and debt-management at the infrastructure sector and economy-level; regional infrastructure network connectivity, integration and trade; governance reforms and financial strengthening of state-owned enterprises/utilities; and reforming sector regulations to improve the environment for efficient private finance solutions.

As part of the INF department, the **EAP Energy Unit (IEAE1)** is now seeking to recruit a Junior Professional Officer to be based in Washington, D.C. The successful candidate will report to the EAP Energy PM, who is based in Singapore, and work in coordination with other energy team members, both in D.C and mostly in Bank's EAP field offices.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The EAP Energy Unit seeks to recruit a JPO, with experience in clean energy, regional power markets, and energy efficiency, to support its Energy Unit's lending and non-lending business in East Asia and Pacific. This person would assist in developing and coordinating implementation of

investment programs, policy work, technical assistance, and other duties in the context of the World Bank energy program. Candidates with experience in transport decarbonization issues are also welcome.

Specific duties are expected to include:

- Provide analytical and technical support to various project teams working on energy or transport sector programs across the sector value chain.
- Support economic and financial analysis of sustainable energy projects and energy utilities, support for project preparatory efforts and programmatic investment planning activities.
- Carry out research efforts and support analytical products related to energy or transport, such as market assessments, policy and program reviews, emerging lessons and good practices, etc. for sharing across countries and programs.
- Aid in the management/coordination of specific activities, which may include consultant procurement, case study preparation, presentations on country programs, internal strategy papers, etc.
- Support the Unit in the development of annual work plans, progress reporting, project/program updates, management, and donor reporting, liaising with key internal and external partner organizations; and
- Carry out other tasks as requested by the Practice Manager, which may include preparation of briefings, organization of workshops and seminars, development of portfolio summaries, support key knowledge exchange events, coordinating publication of unit reports, etc.

Reporting: The JPO will report directly to the EAP Energy or Transport Practice Manager. However, on a day-to-day basis, they will work closely with Task Team Leaders and various project team members.

Note:

The selected candidate will not be assigned to programs involving their own government such as donor coordination and trust fund management.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Minimum Educational qualification: Master's degree in economics, finance, engineering or related field;
- At least three years of relevant experience (3 years preferred) in electricity regional markets, renewable energy, energy economics, finance, preferably with an energy company/utility or an energy/economics consulting firm; Direct experience on regional power markets and/or hydropower (both greenfield and/or modernization) is desirable.
- Experience in transport decarbonization technologies is desirable.

- Some experience in a developing country context would be desirable.
- Strong organizational, research, and oral presentation skills.
- Experience to work in a team, with minimal supervision.
- Hands-on and action-oriented approach.
- Computer skills, such as Word, Excel, PowerPoint, web-based research, etc.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills in English; Working knowledge of Russian language is desirable.
- Enthusiasm for, and commitment to development work; Flexibility to travel.

Donor Funded Staffing Program

TOR No:	<u>2024-017</u>
Title:	Junior Professional Officer
Grade:	UC
Division/VPU:	Macroeconomics, Trade and Investment (MTI), Global Debt and Macroeconomics Unit (EMFMD)- EFI Global Practice Group (GGEVP)
Duty Location:	Washington, D.C
Appointment Type and Duration:	Two-year Term Appointment

BACKGROUND

THE WORLD BANK

Established in 1944, the WB is one of the world's largest sources of funding and knowledge for development solutions. In fiscal year 2014, the WB committed \$65.6 billion in loans, grants, equity investments and guarantees to its members and private businesses, of which \$22.2 billion was concessional finance to its poorest members. It is governed by 188 member countries and delivers services out of 120 offices with nearly 15,000 staff located globally.

The WB consists of five specialized institutions: the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), the International Development Association (IDA), the International Finance Corporation (IFC), the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA), and the International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID). IBRD and IDA are commonly known as the World Bank, which is organized into six client-facing Regional Vice-Presidencies, several corporate functions, and – as of July 1, 2014 – has introduced fourteen Global Practices (GPs) as well as five Cross-Cutting Solution Areas (CCSAs) to bring best-in-class knowledge and solutions to regional and country clients.

GLOBAL PRACTICE FOR MACROECONOMICS, TRADE, and INVESTMENT.

The Global Practice for Macroeconomics, Trade, and Investment (MTI) comprises about 450 staff working across more than 100 countries. The Practice houses the Bank's country economists as well as professional staff with expertise in macroeconomics, fiscal policy, growth, and statistics. About fifty percent of MTI professional staff is decentralized to the field working very closely with the CMUs and in proximity to clients. MFM professionals most often work across sectors helping carry out key integrative functions. In this context MFM professionals are responsible for the preparation and delivery of most of the Bank's Development Policy Operations using both IDA and IBRD resources. MFM professionals also lead or participate in a wide variety of Analytical and Advisory Services and client advisory work requiring an integrative function that add to the core MFM expertise. As such MFM staff often lead or participate in the preparation of Strategic Country Diagnostics, Country Economic Memorandums, and cross sector Public Expenditure Reviews. An important additional element of engagement in macroeconomic and fiscal policies is carried through work on debt management supported by the Debt Management Facility. Knowledge and learning are central parts of MTI, with work focused on 5 thematic areas: (a) macroeconomics; (b) fiscal policy; (c) growth; (d) debt; and (e) macroeconomic modelling & statistics.

MTI's GLOBAL MACROECONOMICS AND DEBT UNIT

Within MTI, the Global Macroeconomics and Debt unit delivers knowledge products and advisory services on macro modelling and debt. The unit consists of a dedicated team of debt management specialist and fiscal economists; a macro-modelling team; and a small team of macroeconomic researchers. You would contribute to and lead analytical and technical assistance engagement on debt sustainability, debt management, and fiscal risks in low and middle-income countries. The Macro modelling team provides macroeconomic modelling services to internal and external World Bank clients.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The successful candidate will work on issues related to debt management, debt sustainability, and debt policy. Specifically, the responsibilities will include:

- Contribute to technical assistance engagements on debt management and debt sustainability.
- Work on the analytical linkages between debt and fiscal policy.
- Analyze debt developments and prospects, debt vulnerabilities and ways to address them.
- Manage databases on debt and debt management monitor published by the unit annually.
- Contribute to cutting-edge global, regional, and country-specific presentations and analytical pieces on issues related to debt and fiscal risks as well as debt restructuring at the national and subnational levels, including on tasks jointly with the IMF and for high-level international fora.
- Contribute to the preparation of joint World Bank-IMF Board papers where needed.
- Prepare management briefs and presentations on debt-related topics under tight deadlines.
- Review debt sustainability analyses (DSAs) prepared by the Bank's country economists.
- Contribute actively to the MTI GP including by providing support to analytical tasks and lending operations in different regions of the World Bank.

Note:

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SELECTION CRITERIA

- Minimum of a master's degree in economics (Ph.D. a plus), with at least three years of relevant professional experience (more experience a plus).
- Strong analytical track record related to fiscal and debt sustainability analysis/risks. Operational country experience is a huge plus.
- Experience in creating and managing debt data and navigating debt databases.
- Cross-country knowledge in macro and debt issues and demonstrated ability to link the macro, institutional, and micro-level functional aspects.
- Ability to translate technical and cross-country knowledge into practical applications and contributions to country level debt policy and debt management strategies; interact with clients at the policy level.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills and ability to work flexibly, creatively and to multitask as the need arises.
- Understand relevant cross-sectoral areas and how they are interrelated (debt, fiscal, and monetary policies); able to undertake cross-sectoral work in lending and non-lending operations.
- A high degree of self-motivation, positive attitude, and drive.
- Leadership and innovating skills. Strong commitment towards teamwork and knowledge sharing.

Donor Funded Staffing Program

TOR No:	<u>2024-080</u>
Title:	Junior Professional Officer (Environmental Specialist)
Grade:	UC
Division/VPU:	The Environment Natural Resources and Blue Economy (ENB) Global Practice (GP) Global Platform Unit (SENGL)/ Sustainable Development Vice-Presidency (GGSVP)
Duty Location:	Washington, D.C
Appointment Type and Duration:	Two-year Term Appointment

BACKGROUND

Global Practice Context:

Sustainable environment and natural resources management (ENRM) is at the heart of the WBG poverty agenda. Biodiversity and natural resources constitute the social safety net of the poor, representing a food bank and often their only source of livelihood. Sustainable ENRM promotes a green, clean, and resilient world where natural resources—from forests to fisheries, freshwater, oceans, coastal zones, and ecosystems—are managed to support livelihoods and strong economies. Sustainable ENRM builds a world better prepared for shocks and global challenges, helping countries limit their exposure to resource scarcity, more-volatile weather patterns, and the long-term consequences of climate change.

<https://www.worldbank.org/en/topic/environment/overview>

The Environment, Natural Resources, and Blue Economy (ENB) Global Practice (GP) has been set up to deliver on the opportunities, benefits and outcomes offered by enhanced management of the environment and natural resources.

ENB has the following business lines:

- Green: Forests, Biodiversity, Watersheds & Sustainable Landscapes - managing renewable natural capital across landscapes.
- Blue: Marine, Coastal & Aquatic Resources - unlocking the wealth of marine, coastal and freshwater economies.
- Clean: Circular Economy, Management of Pollution & Environmental Health - reducing pollution to improve environmental conditions.
- Environmental Economics and Institutions: Fostering economies and institutions for low carbon, healthy and sustainable growth; and
- Environmental Risk Management and Sustainability: Managing risks and creating opportunity to advance sustainable development in accordance with the Bank's Environmental and Social Framework (ESF).

- PROGREEN, which supports countries to deliver on their national development objectives and global commitments on forests, biodiversity, landscapes, and climate change, in an integrated and cost-effective manner; and
- PROBLUE, which works to keep oceans healthy and productive, addressing growing issues such as marine plastic pollution.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Position:

The World Bank is seeking a Junior Professional Officer based in Washington, D.C. The work program for this position will focus on providing technical contributions on economics analysis for biodiversity conservation, protection, and sustainable management to support World Bank Group corporate priorities on biodiversity and working closely with teams across the WBG and advising World Bank lending program as needed.

The Junior Professional Officer will have the following key responsibilities as agreed with his/her Practice Manager based on an annual Results Agreement.

- **Technical Advisory Work.** As a member of the Global Platform Unit, the incumbent will provide technical advice on a broad range of solutions to biodiversity and environmental services faced in World Bank operations, including on biodiversity mainstreaming across sectors, landscape restoration, natural resource management, natural capital accounting, resource mobilization, protected areas, and coastal zone management, and embracing the potential of nature-based solutions.
- **Analytical Work Program.** The incumbent is expected to bring technical expertise in economics analysis for biodiversity conservation, protection, and sustainable management. This will include remaining current of the latest developments in the field, including policy analysis to address the drivers of biodiversity loss, natural capital accounting, and global priorities for the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. It will also include contributing to analytic studies and corporate priorities on economics analysis for biodiversity conservation, protection, and sustainable management that support the implementation of the WBG Approach Paper on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and the integration of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework into country support programs. As a member of a team of environmental and economics professionals the incumbent is expected to support the implementation of biodiversity-related priorities in the WBG's Climate Change Action Plan (2021-2025), IDA20 and the Multilateral Development Bank Joint Statement on Nature, People and Planet, helping to draw closer links between nature, climate, and development. This will include supporting the operationalization of a methodology to identify, monitor, and track nature positive WBG investments in support of biodiversity and ecosystem services as well as the development of a Program of Programs under the World Bank Global Challenge Program on Forests for development, Climate and Biodiversity.
- **Global Outreach.** The incumbent will be expected to provide input into the World Bank's global outreach on environment and climate change issues. This will include providing input to briefs and presentations for the Bank's senior management for engagement in international conferences, negotiations, and bilateral cooperation. The Junior Professional Officer will be expected to provide input to Bank's participation in the follow up to the CBD COP-16, on collaboration with the CBD Secretariat, and on coordination with Multilateral Development Banks on implementation of the MDB joint statement. The Junior Professional Officer will also be expected to contribute to presenting the Bank's work at technical conferences and workshops.

- **Program Administration and Fundraising.** The Junior Professional Officer will be expected to contribute to the technical aspects of trust funded programs, supporting and help maintaining development partner relations and day to day management¹.
- **Knowledge Management.** The incumbent is expected to maintain effective communication with relevant communities of practice, including NGOs, academia, civil society, the private sector as well as specialized international organizations. In particular, active participation in communities of practice and global level technical innovation and knowledge sharing in the area of biodiversity mainstreaming will be an important component of this position. Supporting the coordination and carrying out other tasks as requested by the relevant Manager such as for example, contribute to the organization of training or knowledge sharing events.

The Junior Professional Officer is expected to learn World Bank Group procedures, and contribute to their improvement, by participating in training offered, by developing a personal training program, keeping abreast of research and development knowledge in the environment and natural resources sector, and relevant safeguard management process.

Note:

The selected candidate will not be assigned to programs involving their own government such as donor coordination and trust fund management.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Master's degree (PhD preferred) in environmental economics, agricultural economics, forestry economics, applied economics, or public policy, with a strong preference for candidates with a rigorous technical academic training combined with some field research and/or policy experience.
- A minimum of three years of full-time relevant professional experience in environmental economics and policy analysis is required.
- Technical experience in biodiversity conservation, protection, and sustainable management including a strong understanding of policy analysis to address the drivers of biodiversity loss, natural capital accounting, and integrated environmental - economic analysis.
- Experience on data gathering and processing for biodiversity related analysis, including primary and secondary data, and conduct descriptive, micro, and macro-economic empirical analysis.
- Experience working in developing countries, understanding the institutional and political context and exposure to national environmental policy challenges would be an advantage.
- Proven teamwork and successful experience working in multi-disciplinary teams; ability to work independently with limited supervision.
- Fluency in English is required; a second language (French, Spanish, or Portuguese) would be highly beneficial.
- Willingness to travel, including to remote rural areas.

¹ SENGL administers large trust funds that fund activities in environment, natural resources, and pollution management, including PROGREEN, PROBLUE and the Global Program for Sustainability