



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 postholder.

Job title: Policy Economist (Climate, Energy, and Environment)

Department/Division: International Growth Centre (IGC)
Accountable to: IGC Director of Research

Job Summary:

The International Growth Centre (IGC) works with policymakers in developing countries to promote inclusive and sustainable growth through pathbreaking research. We are a global research centre with a network of world-leading researchers, country teams across Africa, South Asia, and the Middle East, and a set of global policy initiatives. We generate high quality research to provide policy advice on key sustainable growth challenges, focusing on four themes: state effectiveness; firms, trade, and productivity; cities; and energy and environment.

IGC's current partner countries include Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Ghana, India, Jordan, Mozambique, Pakistan, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Uganda, and Zambia. We also have flexible engagements in Indonesia, South Africa, Tanzania, and Yemen. Based at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) and in partnership with the University of Oxford, we are majority funded by the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) with funding from other global funders.

With support from LSE's new Global School of Sustainability, the IGC has recently launched a flagship Climate and Growth Initiative (CGI). The IGC Policy Economist (Climate, Energy, and Environment) will coordinate and contribute to growing the portfolio of IGC activities under the CGI and across our global network. We are interested in all aspects of sustainable growth, from climate adaptation & resilience to the green transition to the conservation of natural capital. The key responsibilities of the role include generating new research projects with leading academics, working closely with the senior leadership team, conducting policy analyses, high-level engagements with partner governments, supporting fundraising, and attending international events.

Sustainable growth is a strategic priority for the IGC. This role offers an exciting opportunity to be at the centre of building our global work on sustainable growth at a critical juncture for our natural world. It is expected that the role holder will travel internationally several times a year.

This is an open-ended position (subject to funding) with a minimum 2-years commitment



Duties and responsibilities:

1) Support the expansion of IGC's work on sustainable growth:

- Work with IGC senior management and leadership to develop a strategy that nurtures a network of researchers, practitioners, policy makers, and other relevant stakeholders to support evidence-based policy for sustainable growth.
- Synthesise and produce evidence on key issues, such as climate adaptation and impacts, clean energy and the green transition, natural capital, pollution, carbon markets and climate finance, environmental regulation, innovation policy, and more.
- Prepare policy toolkits, briefs, case studies and other products for policy audiences, including dedicated webpages. Where relevant, this may involve analysis of economic and geospatial data.
- Organise and participate in events for researchers, practitioners and policymakers that facilitate discussion and dissemination of evidence, including global events such as COP.
- Work across teams in the organisation, including country teams, programme management, other thematic initiatives, monitoring, evaluation and learning (MEL), and communications, to establish more activity in this area.
- Support fundraising efforts, including proactively identifying funding opportunities and writing bids.

2) Develop IGC's internal expertise in the UK and the IGC country teams:

- Become an expert in the IGC's research findings and the policy issues faced by low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) in the area of climate, energy, and environment. Facilitate the sharing of research and policy findings across the IGC network, thereby supporting cross-country learning.
- Build relationships with IGC researchers in the area, facilitating their engagements with national, regional and global policy communities to maximise the policy impact of IGC research.
- Using your technical expertise, assist in the response to global policy requests on relevant sustainable growth issues, such as through the preparation of policy memos, case studies, or rapid analyses.
- Support IGC country programmes in expanding their sustainable growth agenda, including participation in-country meetings with government and developing demand-led analysis.
- Facilitate the generation of research projects to address country demands and priorities, including working closely with local researchers.

3) Drive thematic programme management and support research commissioning:

- Review projects commissioned relating to sustainable growth. Make suggestions to improve the scope or design of projects.
- Support in coordinating the process of the call for proposals and wider research commissioning.
- Review relevant project outputs, such as policy briefs, that are commissioned by IGC.

4) Flexibility to support other areas of strategic priority to senior management:

Including priority country engagements, conferences, and donor engagement. At times, the post holder may need to support other themes in the IGC, depending on needs and capacity.

Flexibility

To deliver services effectively, a degree of flexibility may be required in the duties performed in order to meet the exigencies of service. Job roles may also naturally develop over time and ongoing substantial changes to a role will be discussed between line managers and their staff, with job descriptions updated as and when appropriate.

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI)

LSE is committed to building a diverse, equitable and truly inclusive university. All posts (and post holders) will seek to ensure diversity and inclusion, while opposing all forms of unlawful and unfair discrimination on the grounds of age, disability, gender identity, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, nationality, ethnic or national origin, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation, or social and economic background.



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**Ethics Code**

Posts (and post holders) are assumed to have a responsibility to act in accordance with the School's Ethics Code and to promote the principles and values that the Code enshrines. The Ethics Code clearly states that the whole LSE community, including all staff, students, and governors of LSE, are expected to act in accordance with the principles which are set out in the Code. As such you are required to read and familiarise yourself with it. The School's Effective Behaviours Framework is designed to support this Code. It sets out examples for the six behaviours that all staff are expected to demonstrate, these can be found on the following link: [click here](#)

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.