



## WORLD BANK GROUP

### Junior Professional Officer Program (JPO) Chiffre Nr. 2022-1-34

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

<b>Title:</b>	<b>Junior Professional Officer</b> Climate Change and Agri-food System Transformation
<b>Agency:</b>	World Bank Group
<b>Division/VPU:</b>	SAGGL/SD Practice Group
<b>Country and Duty Station:</b>	Washington DC, USA
<b>Duration:</b>	<b>2 years with possibility of extension for another year</b> The extension of appointment is subject to yearly review concerning priorities, availability of funds, and satisfactory performance.

**Please note that for participants of the JPO-Programme three years work experience are mandatory when applying for the World Bank.** Relevant work experience can be counted. In order to assess the eligibility of the candidates, we review the relevant experience acquired after obtaining the first university degree (usually bachelor's degree).

#### **BACKGROUND**

Agriculture is an essential pathway to meeting the World Bank Group's (WBG) twin goals—eliminating extreme poverty by 2030 and promoting shared prosperity. Ending extreme poverty and boosting shared prosperity cannot be achieved without more and better investment in agriculture, food security, and nutrition. Meeting today's challenges on the food and agriculture agenda will require major strides in promoting climate friendly production practices, strengthening agricultural policy and public expenditures, supporting agribusiness value chains and joint private- and public- sector action, innovation and digital technologies, and rethinking sustainable and healthy diets.

The Agriculture and Food Global Practice (AGF GP) of the WBG, working closely with the International Finance Corporation (IFC), supports a global vision of delivering a triple bottom line of a healthy economy, healthy people, and a healthy planet. The WBG is the largest provider of development assistance to smallholder farmers in poor countries around the world, and recently launched its new Climate Change Action Plan for 2021-2025, which focuses on agriculture and food as one of the key transitions.

The AGF GP has an active work program on climate change adaptation and resilience, as well as on climate change mitigation, in relation to agriculture and food. This also includes a broad set of corporate commitments on climate change.

A dedicated team in the SAGGL unit is tasked with supporting client countries and regional Bank teams to proactively act on the urgent issue of rapidly accelerating climate change and to enhance and sustain productivity, reduce GHG emissions, and increase resilience in WBG lending to agriculture and food investment projects, in policy advice to client governments, and other activities. The team is also actively working through partnerships across WBG sectors, with external agencies (such as CGIAR, academia, CSOs), and with processes such as the climate COPs to influence global thinking and policy interventions needed to advance the climate change, agriculture and food agenda from local to global scales. In specific, the team has been supporting internal and external clients on 3 priority areas: 1. Enhancing client country climate action, through building capacity to plan, mitigate, and adapt to the impacts of climate change on agriculture and food systems via: a. Deepening support to country engagement processes on climate action in AGF, and b. Supporting the integration of climate change and agriculture in NDC and SDG implementation actions; 2. Building Bank teams' capacities to design, and implement projects via: a. Tools and methodologies for project preparation and supervision, and dedicated technical assistance for mainstreaming climate change adaptation and mitigation in agricultural projects, b. Knowledge sharing across teams, regions and globally, and c. Technical assistance to Bank teams to meet climate corporate commitments; and 3. Global climate change and agriculture knowledge exchange and thought leadership via partnership strengthening across key international institutions and policy engagement in key global climate fora.

## **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

The World Bank/ SAGGL is looking for a dynamic GF level staff/Junior Professional Office (JPO) to spearhead the mainstreaming and scaling-up of climate change adaptation, resilience, and mitigation in agriculture and food investment projects and activities, as well as in other related WBG activities. This program of work will focus in four primary areas:

1. Technical support in operationalizing the Paris Alignment Methodology workstreams (as developed by the WBG) for the purposes of the agriculture and food sector, including assisting in the development of a sectoral guidance note to inform operations (25%);
2. Developing the methodology and approach for agri-food inputs to Country Climate and Development Reports (CCDRs), a new core WBG country analytics product to capture the interplay between a country's development goals and climate change (25%);
3. Technical support, including through the climate corporate commitments, to investment project tasks teams to mainstream climate change adaptation and mitigation for priority operations in agriculture (25%);
4. Leveraging internal and external knowledge management and communication opportunities on "niche" areas such as agro-ecological issues (agricultural pollution, agri-biodiversity), climate change and agricultural value chains, soil carbon, etc., including major international fora such as the UNFCCC COPs (25%).

This position will be part of a team under the leadership of a Global Lead. It will also backstop partnership efforts led by the SAGGL team, including the facilitation of stakeholder meetings and other relevant engagements, and support the practice manager and other senior staff on various related activities.

**Note:** The selected candidate will not be assigned to programs involving his/her own government such as donor coordination and trust fund management.

### **SELECTION CRITERIA**

- **Master's** Degree (required) and PhD (preferred) in the field of climate change adaptation, resilience, climate change mitigation, agriculture and food security, agri-environment, or other relevant discipline.
- At least three years of relevant experience.
- Strong technical and analytical skills (experience in program management would be a plus), in a range of issues of relevance to climate change and agriculture.
- Strong organizational, research, and presentational skills.
- Proven ability to work in a team and intercultural environment, with minimal supervision.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills in English.
- Must demonstrate a good knowledge of the global climate change negotiations, and an excellent understanding of topics related to the agriculture and food sector specifically.

**Bitte senden Sie Ihre JPO-Bewerbung direkt an das Büro Führungskräfte zu Internationalen Organisationen (BFIO) unter Angabe der Chiffre Nr. 2022-1-34 auf dem Bewerbungsbogen**

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