

Work Program for Junior Professional Associate (JPA)

The World Bank's Latin America and Caribbean Region Sustainable Development Department – Climate Change Beam

Background

The Latin America Region's Sustainable Development Department of the World Bank is seeking a qualified candidate for the position of Junior Professional Associate (JPA) to support the work of the cross-cutting climate change theme. The Department, covering Agriculture and Rural Development, Environment, Infrastructure and Social Development, has created a cross-sectoral "beam" to better address the cross-cutting issues of climate change: land use management, hydropower, renewable energy, carbon finance, and the economics of adaptation are a few topics that will be the main focus of the beam.

The Department's Work Program for FY08-09 related to climate change includes a challenging and expanding set of projects, studies, and activities. It includes the Region's Flagship Economic Study on Climate Change, two major studies on low carbon options for Mexico and Brazil, over 20 other analyses, and a complex portfolio of operations financed through IBRD loans, IDA credits, the Global Environment Facility, and the Carbon Finance Prototype.

The World Bank's [JPA program](#) offers a two-year, non-renewable and non-extendable job placement on a competitive basis throughout the Bank to young professionals (see [eligibility requirements](#)). The position should be of interest to individuals who wish to gain broad development experience in a challenging and stimulating environment. The World Bank offers the opportunity to learn from, and contribute to, global expertise in a broad range of development topics.

The JPA will report directly to the leader of the Climate Change "Beam" for the Latin America Region's Sustainable Development Department.

Work Program

Because the climate change work is still undergoing a process of organization, the first few months of this position will be spent pulling together and encouraging knowledge sharing on what is currently being done in the Region and throughout the Bank.

This is an excellent opportunity to work with a variety of teams involved in climate change work in such fields as adaptation, urban environment, and agriculture, particularly including those teams that have launched innovative economic and sector work under the Climate Change and Clean Energy window.

Primary tasks will include:

- Establishing a database on World Bank climate change projects and initiatives
- Participating in the development of the Bank-wide Climate Change Strategy
- Reviewing and commenting on project/analytical proposals under the Clean Energy and Climate Change Fund

- Ensuring that the staff working on climate change operations have easy access to ongoing work and analyses
- Responding to requests for data and presentations from senior management
- Organizing brown bag lunches and other seminars on cutting-edge work
- Organizing climate change sessions for Sustainable Development Week
- Organizing the Climate Change Beam's retreat

Other responsibilities will focus on providing support to the teams designing the Latin America Region's Climate Change Strategy and conducting the associated economic analyses. The JPA will help finalize the strategy and business plan, and will update it in FY09.

Qualifications

- Solid organizational skills
- Extremely strong writing skills
- Ability to work well in teams and to successfully deal with international donors and staff at all levels;
- Ability to synthesize and present information (data, research findings) in concise, easily readable style
- Knowledge of current issues in climate change, energy policy, and environment
- Results-oriented approach and ability to think strategically;
- Experience using Microsoft Excel and PowerPoint
- Proficiency in Spanish or Portuguese preferred

For more information on the JPA program see the following link:

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