

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Economist

CEoG Presidential Fellowship Zambia

Chief Economists of Government Presidential Fellowship

Terms of Reference for a CEoG Presidential Fellow to work in support of Chief Economic Advisor to the President of Zambia.

Support for this Fellowship is provided by the Chief Economists of Government initiative (CEoG), a peer network of 40 chief economic advisors to heads of the executive across 40 sub-Saharan African countries, funded by the Think Africa Partnership trust fund (TAP). Both the TAP trust fund and the CEoG initiative are managed out of the World Bank's Africa Chief Economist Office. The initiative aims to strengthen knowledge-based policymaking in African countries by supporting senior economic advisors to Presidents and Prime ministers across the continent.

The Fellowship is implemented by the African Center for Economic Transformation (ACET).

Background and Rationale

With Zambia and its official creditors having reached a debt restructuring agreement in June 2023, focus is now being directed towards strengthening growth by stimulating economic activity. The restructuring deal is expected to create fiscal space, restore macroeconomic stability, market confidence and both local and foreign direct investment. In 2022, the economy grew by 4.7 percent compared to 4.6 percent in 2021 and -2.8 percent in 2020. Over the medium term 2024-2025 the economy is projected to continue to grow around 4.7-4.8 percent. This pick-up in growth in the medium-term will also reflect the anticipated pay-off from the government's economic transformation agenda and a recovery in mining production driven by favorable copper prices and investment.

The chief economic advisor to H.E. President Hichilema, Dr. Pamela Nakamba, is looking for an experienced and committed economist to assist her in her daily duties as Chief economic advisor and engage in economic research and economic policy formulation.

The Fellow would be hired within the framework of the *CEoG Presidential Fellowship*, a program that aims to prepare a corps of African economics professionals to serve as the next generation of policy makers and thought leaders who champion economic transformation. CEoG Presidential Fellows will gain hands-on experience with policy design and implementation, working directly with Chief economic advisors to African Presidents or Prime ministers and supporting them in their daily work of providing economic advice at the highest level. The fellows will deepen their professional insights and develop their own leadership and technical skills under the supervision and direction of the host advisor. Fellows will also be expected to provide valuable evidence-based inputs to policy design, undertake research, and help crowd-in stakeholder views to inform transformative policy in their host CEoG units.

Duties and responsibilities:

The Fellow will carry out a range of research support tasks and analytical assignments under the guidance of the advisor.

- Conduct a mapping of government policies and reforms;
- Develop and implement a framework for policy analysis and coordination;
- Conduct research in macroeconomics, international trade and investment, economic and social sectors or any other relevant areas.
- Realize macro-monitoring and analyze data to prepare reports, forecasts economic and social trends, and stays abreast of economic changes.
- Conducts in house studies and research projects and collaborates on commissioned studies.
- Engages in dissemination of research outputs and other information as assigned.
- Prepares monthly reports to his/her immediate supervisor and other stakeholders.
- Performs other duties as required and as assigned by the advisor.

General qualifications

- At minimum, completed a master's degree in economics or closely related fields. PhD preferred.
- 2-5 years of relevant professional experience, including internships, teaching, and consultancies.
- Proven track record in policy or economics research.
- Strong analytical and quantitative skills – knowledge of statistical and econometric techniques and economic analysis.
- Excellent oral and written communication and presentation skills in English.
- Ability to share technical knowledge and experience to identify, analyze, and disseminate best practices.
- Good leadership abilities, strong interpersonal skills, and a demonstrated history of teamwork.
- An excellent professional integrity record including on keeping confidentiality around data, communication, or in any other professional capacity.

Country-specific qualifications

- General knowledge about Zambia, and fluency in English.

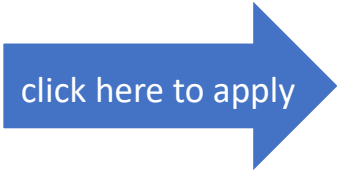
Additional information

The start date of the Fellowship is September 15th 2023 and the contract is for the duration of 12 months.

ACET will pay the Fellows' compensation commensurate with consultancy compensation for economists and special advisors with similar educational backgrounds and experience in the host

units. ACET will organize a pre-departure orientation before they embark on their travel and fund return flight and visa costs.

To apply for this position, please [fill out this questionnaire](#) **and** send your CV and a brief letter of interest to hr@acetforafrica.org **by August 10th 2023.**



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