

## **Vacancy Announcement**

**Job Title:** Senior Researcher (Tax Cooperation and Policy)

**Duty Station:** Geneva, Switzerland

The South Centre is seeking to fill a Senior Researcher position in Tax Cooperation and Policy in its Global Governance for Development Program (GGDP). S/he will perform a critical leadership role and will have responsibilities in both strategy formulation and implementation of the Centre's program to create a network of developing country tax officials. This network is being built in order to strengthen developing country tax policies and assist these countries in their international engagements to rebalance tax standards to better reflect developing country interests. S/he will have strong technical background in tax issues, both in their legal and policy aspects. S/he will operate in an intergovernmental arena, and help identify and mobilize expertise to support developing country interests in the area of tax policy and international tax cooperation.

### **General Terms**

- The Senior Researcher will be engaged on a full time basis by the South Centre under a Special Service Agreement (SSA) as a research consultant pursuant to Annex V of the South Centre's Staff Regulations for a period of one (1) year, which may be renewed for another year subject to the availability of project funding for the Centre's tax policy work. Other terms and conditions shall be specified in the SSA.
- The selected candidate will work under the direct supervision of the Coordinator of the GGDP and the Senior Adviser for Finance and Development and under the General Direction of the Executive Director of the South Centre.
- Nationals of the Group of 77 and China will be given preference.

### **Academic Qualification:**

An advanced university degree (Master's degree or equivalent) in Economics, Development Studies, International Law

### **Work Experience:**

As an advocate for developing countries, the candidates should be able to show a record of deep commitment in promoting the development interests of developing countries, including in the multilateral arena.

Experience in the following areas is required or desirable:

- At least five (5) years of progressively responsible experience, including at the international level, in multilateral policy research and analysis, engagement in national

and multilateral policy processes in tax matters as reflected in participation in national and international fora.

- Experience in having worked in a developing country region and in an international organization would be useful.
- Experience in policy-oriented research and analysis in tax matters, in an academic context, or in regional or international institutions, or civil society, as reflected in publications especially on many of the multilateral policy issues taken up by the South Centre.
- Experience with or knowledge of the multilateral policymaking processes and the interface between research and negotiations.
- Familiarity with the United Nations system and its activities, including Agenda 2030, SDGs, and South-South cooperation.
- Experience in managing relations with governments, diplomats, policy makers, civil society.
- Experience in managing staff and the convening and administration of meetings and dialogues.
- Knowledge of or previous engagement with the South Centre would be useful.

**Languages and other skills:**

- Excellent command of written and spoken English is required. Knowledge of other UN languages is an advantage.
- Solid work ethic
- Strong organizational skills
- Good communication and writing skills
- Initiative and ability to work independently
- Comfortable working in a collaborative, team environment
- Willingness to travel

**Job Description:**

The Senior Researcher's duties shall include:

1. Playing a leading role in the formulation and implementation of the network building program in tax matters.

2. Liaising with member states and the network of tax officials of the South Centre. Liaising with the community of developing countries, civil society, donor agencies and intergovernmental organizations in tax matters.

3. Developing the Centre's work on tax matters through:

- the organization of meetings, including the annual South Centre global forum for developing country tax officials,
- the completion of publications, and
- the facilitation of peer exchange activities of the network.

4. Assisting in resource mobilization efforts for the tax network building project.

5. Contributing in the research and analysis on tax issues and preparing timely reports on the activities of the tax networking project.

6. Representing the Centre and providing expertise, as appropriate, at international, regional and national meetings;

7. Undertaking any other related duties as may be assigned by the Program coordinator or the Executive Director of the South Centre.

**Remuneration:**

Competitive remuneration as applicable for the duty station shall be offered.

**Selection Process:**

Applicants should send their CVs, motivation letter and a written sample or published work in English at [applications@southcentre.int](mailto:applications@southcentre.int) (stating the title of this vacancy announcement) no later than CET 24.00 hrs on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

Copies of qualifications, previous employment certificates, publications etc. should not be sent with the application. These may be requested at a later stage.

Only short listed candidates will be contacted for a subsequent interview. Candidates are kindly requested to refrain from enquiring about the progress of their application.

The selected candidate is expected to take up the assignment by 15 September 2018.

**About the South Centre:**

The South Centre is the inter-governmental policy research institution of developing countries, with currently 54 developing country member States from Africa, Asia and the Pacific, and Latin America and the Caribbean. The South Centre promotes more effective South-South cooperation and coordination, supports developing countries in participating in and voicing their development interests and priorities more effectively in various multilateral and regional

development policy-related issues and fora, and provides policy advice and technical assistance to governments on their national development-related policies.

The main activities of the Centre are policy research and analysis, convening of meetings and conferences for developing countries to share views and experiences, and technical assistance and capacity building activities. The issues taken up by the Centre include international and regional trade policy, global macroeconomic and finance issues, global public health, innovation and intellectual property policy, climate change, environment and sustainable development, international economic issues including tax policy, external debt and international investment policy; human rights policy; global governance for and North-South relations, South-South cooperation, and global governance for development. The South Centre has three major institutional pillars: The Council of Representatives in which the Member States are represented; the Board comprising a Chairperson and members who act in their individual capacities and provide guidance to the Secretariat; and the Secretariat headed by the Executive Director which implements the activities of the South Centre. The Secretariat is accountable to and works under the guidance of the Board and the Council.