



Job Title: Research Consultant – International Taxation

Duty Station: Remote

The South Centre is seeking to fill a Researcher position in the [South Centre Tax Initiative](#), the organization's flagship project for promoting cooperation among developing countries on international tax matters. The Researcher will be required to carry out analysis to support the ongoing negotiations on international taxation in the United Nations and the OECD. The analysis will focus on the implications for developing countries of the various international tax standards under negotiation with a view to providing the [South Centre's Member States](#) and developing countries from the G-77+China with policy advisory and capacity building. The Researcher will also be required to produce revenue estimates of the policy proposals of developing countries and where necessary, a comparison with the proposals of developed countries. The Researcher is expected to have deep knowledge of international taxation, particularly in transfer pricing and a strong background in economics and quantitative economic analysis.

General Terms

- The 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 six months, which may be renewed subject to the availability of project funding for the Centre's international tax policy work. Other terms and conditions shall be specified in the SSA.
- The selected candidate will work under the direct supervision of the Focal Point of the South Centre Tax Initiative and under the General Direction of the Executive Director of the South Centre.
- This post is exclusively for nationals of the G77+China.

Academic Qualification

An advanced university degree (Master's degree or equivalent) in Economics, Finance or a related field.

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, preferably including in the multilateral arena.

Experience in the following areas is required:

- At least three years of progressively responsible experience, preferably including at the international level, on international taxation.
- In-depth knowledge of transfer pricing.



- In-depth technical knowledge of the ongoing multilateral negotiations on international taxation in the UN and OECD and the positions and interests of developing countries is mandatory.
- Familiarity with the South Centre's work on international taxation, in particular on revenue estimates, is desirable.
- Experience in policy-oriented quantitative research and analysis in international tax matters, with evidence of publications, is mandatory.
- Familiarity with the United Nations system and its activities, including Agenda 2030, SDGs, and South-South cooperation.
- Experience in administration of meetings and dialogues.
- Experience in managing relations with governments, diplomats, policy makers, civil society is desirable.
- Knowledge of or previous engagement with the South Centre is desirable.

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
- Strong quantitative analysis skills
- Good communication and writing skills
- Ability to display quantitative data in easy to understand visualizations
- Initiative and ability to work independently
- Comfortable working in a collaborative, team environment
- Willingness to travel

Job Description

The Research Consultant's duties shall include:

- Assist with policy research on the work of the South Centre Tax Initiative, particularly relating to negotiations on international tax standards in the UN and OECD.
- Prepare research papers, policy briefs and other reports as required.
- Prepare briefings and summaries of international tax documents such as standards under negotiation, academic articles, case studies and other relevant material.
- Provide technical briefings to South Centre and G77+China delegates on international tax standards under negotiation.
- Provide capacity building to tax officials on international tax topics of relevance.
- Attend tax-related meetings and prepare summary reports.
- Use online tax databases for obtaining and analysing primary data.
- Assist in organizational matters of South Centre events and activities as required.
- Assist in any other task as required.

Remuneration

Remuneration shall be based on experience and qualifications, up to a maximum of CHF 2,000 per month.



Selection Process

Applicants should send their CVs, motivation letter and a list of published work relevant to the job in English at applications@southcentre.int (stating the title of this vacancy announcement) no later than CET 24.00 hrs on 1 November 2023.

Copies of qualifications, previous employment certificates, letters of recommendation, etc. should not be sent with the application. These may be requested at a later stage. The selected candidate is expected to take up the assignment by 2 January 2024.