



## **Job Announcement: Senior Research Economist (Macroeconomist)**

### **About ACET**

The African Center for Economic Transformation is an international non-profit organization committed to promoting high quality policy analysis and research and advisory services to African governments to promote long-term sustained growth and transformation of African economies.

ACET's unique approach to fulfilling this mission consists of:

- Engaging an integrated method which combines policy analysis and research, advisory services and institutional strengthening to address practical development questions and challenges
- Championing a unique African perspective and greater ownership of the development agenda
- Creating an unrivalled network of world class international experts and pre-eminent African professionals
- Harnessing African talent from within the continent and from the Diaspora

ACET is supported by multilateral and bilateral donors, and major foundations, and has its secretariat in Accra, Ghana.

### **Job Description**

The Senior Macroeconomist will be part of ACET's Policy Analysis and Research Services that feed into and draw on the findings of policy advisory work, leveraging and coordinating a network of experts and local think tanks and other institutions across the continent and throughout the world.

Africa's drive towards sustainable growth and poverty reduction requires an ambitious and comprehensive approach of economic transformation. A primary objective of ACET's policy analysis and research agenda is to monitor the transformation trajectories of African countries. ACET is developing a unique blend of indicators of transformation for this monitoring exercise. Our goal is to examine the strategies and policies that individual governments are pursuing, assess implementation, and discern outcomes. The key objective

is to draw lessons across countries on best practices, and encourage policy and institutional reforms in areas where countries may be lagging.

ACET will be publishing the findings of these studies in its flagship report, *The African Economic Transformation Report*. This report's value-addition will include to systematically isolate the successes and failures of countries in tackling the challenges of transformation and to catalyze actions by governments and development partners in an eclectic and pragmatic manner.

ACET also undertakes country-focused studies designed to address specific research question with the view to providing answers to policy and institutional constraints to growth and transformation in individual country settings. Moreover, ACET ensures that the regional dimension which is essential for self-sustaining economic growth and transformation is adequately captured in national policies and development strategies by focusing on studies with regional dimension.

The incumbent's work will center on the analysis of macro-economic policies that will ensure stability and lead to sustained growth. (S)he will report to the Director of Policy Analysis and Research and specifically will:

- Analyze the macroeconomic situations of African countries, and Governments' Development Agendas, and determine the implications for the economic transformation of these countries;
- Examine the impact of international actions and initiatives on the countries concerned, and make recommendations on the role of ACET in assisting these countries;
- Undertake assigned economic and sector work, focusing mainly on issues of macroeconomic profiling, and prepare papers on relevant economic issues in the development process as well as evaluate and monitor the implementation of macroeconomic programs for economic transformation;
- Actively monitor the implications of projects and programs implemented by Regional Economic Communities on the implementation of countries' economic programs;
- Serve as ACET focal point and spokesperson on macroeconomic issues to external constituencies and governments;
- Undertake research in economics especially, in the area of macroeconomics, international trade and finance;
- Participate in the preparation of the African Economic Transformation Report

### **Required Skills and Qualification**

- Advanced degree (Ph.D) in Economics (with emphasis on Macroeconomics);

- A minimum of seven (7) years of relevant professional experience in macroeconomic analysis, preferably gained with a development oriented institution.
- Proven experience in the formulation of country macroeconomic strategies;
- Proven experience in research with strong record of publications in refereed journals
- Client and results oriented individual, with strong analytical and communication (both verbally and in writing) skills, sense of accuracy and attention to detail.
- Ability to communicate and write effectively in English and/or French, with a good working knowledge of the other language.

**Benefits of working with ACET:**

ACET is an independent, dynamic and responsive organization. The incumbent will have an exceptional opportunity to engage with policy makers at the highest level in African countries. (S)he will enjoy the opportunity of working in a multi-disciplinary setting, in a multi-cultural environment to contribute to growing a young dynamic organization. ACET offers a competitive remuneration package.