



Position: Senior Economist

Reports to: Director of Economics Regulation
Salary: The position is on **Category IIA.1** of the PURA pay scale.
Number of vacancies: (1) one

BACKGROUND

The Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) is the Gambia's independent multi-sector regulator established under the PURA Act 2001 to regulate the following sectors:

- Broadcasting
- Electricity
- Telecommunications
- Petroleum (Downstream)
- Water and Sewerage

PURA in accordance with its mandate is currently striving towards performing technical, economical and safety regulatory functions in respect to regulated public services. This is done in a bid to achieving its regulatory mandate and fair competition within regulated entities, economic development, social inclusion, and environmental sustainability to always ensure improved Service delivery as well as protection for both consumers and service providers. The Authority wishes to recruit a Senior Economist.

SCOPE OF WORK

Conduct economic research to inform policy and business decisions, including analyzing economic data, developing models, and conducting empirical studies Some of the responsibilities that need to be handled by him/her includes the following:

Main Responsibilities:

1. Maintaining data on economic performance, indices for the Gambian economy, including the consumer price index, impact of utility prices on national accounts, labour costs, etc.
2. Advise on the economic implications of utility expansion plans.
3. Maintains the records needed to recognize and analyze trends in the economic environment and utility performance.
4. Evaluating the structure and level of utility tariffs and advises on the extent to which these conform to the economic, social and other government policies and provide the utilities with a reasonable return on capital invested.



5. Involve with external stakeholders in reviewing and analysing policy regulations and guidelines that affect the operations of the entities we regulate as well as the consumers.
6. Provide guide on economic and statistical issues to other directorates within the Authority as well as other stakeholders that request such guidance from the Authority.
7. Maintaining the records needed to recognize and analyze trends in the economic environment and utility performance.
8. Collaborates with other members of staff in the Directorate of Economic Regulation and other Directorate within the Authority in evaluating the efficiency of the operations of the regulated utilities.
9. Collaborate with stakeholders in resolving issues that affects the operations of the Authority and its regulated entities.
10. Any other duties that may be assigned to you by your supervisors.

Knowledge and Skills

- Able to demonstrate the initiative and experience to solve technical problems and find solutions against tight deadlines
- Have good analytical skills.
- Deep knowledge of economics
- Have a flexible approach to duties and changing priorities.
- Be prepared to work outside working hours in the provinces
- Ability to work under stress and stringent conditions
- Strong interpersonal, communication and presentation skills
- Must have the ability to work in a team

MINIMUM QUALIFICATION & PREFERRED EXPERIENCE

- Master's degree in economics or finance
- A minimum of five (5) years' experience in economics research, consulting, or policy analysis



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SUBMISSIONS OF APPLICATIONS

All applicants must complete and sign PURA Job Application Form which can be downloaded from the PURA website (www.pura.gm) or picked up at the PURA office reception desk, Applications must be accompanied with a Curriculum Vitae (CV) and photocopies of relevant certificates.

All applications must be submitted to the PURA office in sealed envelopes on or before **12:00hrs, on Monday 18th September 2023** and Addressed to:

The Director General
Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA)
Kairaba Avenue
P.O. Box 4230 Bakau
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*****Female Candidates are encouraged to apply**