

IMPACT INVESTMENT ANALYST

The Common Fund for Commodities (CFC) is an International financial institution, established within the United Nations (UN) ecosystem, with 101 member states across the globe. With poverty alleviation as its core mission, the CFC operates as an impact investment fund for commodity dependent developing countries. Headquartered in Amsterdam, since 1989, the CFC has been instrumental in bringing over a billion US dollars' worth of investments for small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and smallholder farmers, while acting as a bridge between developed and the developing world following the sustainability roadmap.

CFC's Impact Investment Analyst is responsible for supporting the Operations team in the origination, assessment and implementation of predominantly debt investments using the smallholder and small and medium size enterprises (SMEs) nexus across the agricultural sector in CFC's member countries.

The ideal candidate will bring at least 2 years of relevant experience in assessing financial matters associated with the implementation of loan and equity orientated agricultural / SME investments.

An empathetic understanding of those living in poverty combined with knowledge of technological and operational innovations in the agricultural sector related to environmental issues and climate change would be highly advantageous.

This is a full-time job with residence in Amsterdam. The candidate will join a small, dynamic team of dedicated impact investment and technical assistance professionals in a modern office environment. The CFC pays an attractive compensation based on United Nations grade levels, including a tax-free salary and additional benefits. Remuneration is being offered at the ICSC P-1 grade with the level of appointment based on existing qualifications and experience.

DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND ACCOUNTABILITIES

The Impact Investment Analyst will be responsible for:

- Active contribution to a strong pipeline of suitable investment opportunities to further develop CFC's investment portfolio under consideration of impact, risk and return.
- Participating in the deal execution cycle for trade finance and term loans from origination, due diligence (onsite and offsite), assessment of Social and Environmental (S&E) performance, financial modelling, credit appraisal, loan structuring and documentation.
- Monitoring and managing a portfolio of debt investments in the context of relevant markets.
- Participating in legal and commercial discussions with potential investees, from formulating and drafting initial terms and conditions to the negotiation of legal agreements.
- Preparing internal and external reporting/documentation to evaluate and monitor individual transactions and the investment portfolio.

COMPETENCIES

Communication and teamwork. Demonstrates openness in sharing information and keeping people informed, solicits input by genuinely valuing others' ideas and expertise; is willing to learn from others. This position requires a high degree of collaboration among peers and stakeholders to promote innovative ideas and technologies along the value chain.

Strong functional and operational understanding. The successful candidate must possess a clear understanding of what it takes to manage projects in a complex and critical stakeholder environment with diverging goals and objectives.

Core commitment to good governance and ethical business practices. The successful candidate will have experience in best practices in diligence, governance, innovation and improvisation.

Professionalism. The Impact Investment Analyst should show persistence when faced with difficult problems or challenges, must remain calm in stressful situations.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Advanced University degree (Master's level or higher) in Economics, Forestry, Business Administration, Finance or related fields.
- Experience (at least 2 years) of working in a financial and or development environment, ideally in either an impact fund, a commercial/development bank, a development investment fund or a development organization.
- Analytical skills in finance and credit analysis with solid understanding of accounting standards.
- Experience in assessing business/operational models of SMEs in the agri sector.
- Experience in assessing Social and Environmental (S&E) performance of SMEs in the agri sector.
- Experience with the implementation of (trade finance and term) loan structures, based on understanding of financial risk associated with the underlying project.
- Knowledge of and interest in the fields of rural development, climate change, green recovery, and circulatory matters, natural regenerative agriculture and processes including related sustainable finance initiatives.
- Experience in working in a multicultural / international environment as a member of a diverse team.
- Result oriented, strong team player with excellent client service orientation and openness to feedback and new ideas, contributes to a good working environment.
- Excellent drafting and presentation and communication skills with intercultural sensitivity.
- Excellent command of written and spoken English. Working knowledge of French or Spanish would be an advantage.
- Willingness to travel when required.

TO APPLY

- Applicants should complete [this short form](#) and send a **brief** cover letter (max 500 words) and **concise** curriculum vitae, in English, to recruitment@common-fund.org including their FULL NAME and Vacancy Ref (2023-01) in the email subject heading.
- Please note that the CFC can only employ nationals from its Member States. For a full list of Member States please refer to the "About" section of the [CFC website](#)
- The closing date for applications is **18:00hrs (CET) on 31 March 2023.**

Only shortlisted candidates shall be contacted, applications received after the deadline noted above shall not be considered for this role. The CFC deserves the right to cancel this call for applications at any time without showing any reason.