POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Director of Country Strategies

The International Budget Partnership (IBP)—the premier international civil society organization promoting public budget transparency and accountability—is looking for an extraordinary person to join its senior leadership. IBP works with innovative and high impact civil society organizations around the world to ensure that government budgets and fiscal policies make the maximum possible contribution to improving governance and reducing poverty. Through the Director of Country Strategies position, IBP is offering an incredible opportunity for an experienced and bold strategic manager to lead our multimillion dollar program for supporting and enhancing IBP work in countries.

The perfect candidate is a proven leader who will bring vision, experience, and enormous passion to our efforts in countries to catalyze the different actors, relationships, systems, and practices needed to guarantee that public resources are used to meet public priorities.

The Country Strategies program combines grantmaking, technical assistance, and strategic accompaniment to enhance civil society budget analysis and advocacy within a set of targeted countries. At present the program is supporting and collaborating with multiple partners in six focus countries, and IBP aims expand this work to several additional countries. The Director of Country Strategies will be responsible for managing this existing portfolio of work, as well as developing and implementing an innovative vision to enhance and broaden the work.

The successful candidate will also lead IBP’s strategy for developing and maintaining the global network of independent budget monitoring groups around the world. This network includes a dynamic mix of civil society organizations from over 100 countries that are committed to working collectively on budget accountability through joint research, advocacy, and learning. The successful candidate will work with IBP colleagues and core network members to deepen the work of this dynamic collaborative.

The Director of Country Strategies will be a senior member of IBP’s management team, responsible for monitoring the performance and guiding the strategic direction of the organization. Extensive travel is required.

**Essential Duties**

1. Develop a vision for enhancing the scope and impact of IBP’s support to its civil society partners in developing countries and design a program strategy for realizing this vision
2. Lead the implementation of the program strategy, including managing the financial and human resources required to fulfill IBP’s country-focused work
3. Lead the development and implementation of IBP’s overall strategy for further strengthening the international budget network’s connections and collaborations
4. Direct and manage the work of Country Strategy program staff members, and ensure their professional development
5. Participate as a senior member of IBP’s executive and management teams
Qualifications and Experience

- 8-10 years of experience in directing organizations and programs focused on leveraging public resources to improve development outcomes
- Deep knowledge of fiscal processes and accountability systems, including the role of civil society, media, and formal oversight institutions in these
- A keen understanding and previous involvement in civil society work around public policy and advocacy, especially experience in working in developing countries
- Proven ability to communicate effectively with diverse audiences, such as civil society, donors, and governments
- Master’s degree in social science, political science, public administration, or related field required
- Excellent English writing and speaking skills required; fluency in Spanish and/or French, a plus

The International Budget Partnership (IBP) is based at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities in Washington, D.C.

To apply:

Send a résumé and cover letter via email to applications@internationalbudget.org.

Please indicate “Director of Country Strategies” in the subject line of your email. Résumés will be accepted until position is filled.

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