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Internship Opening No.: ITC/IP/12/2024

Date: 07 May 2024

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The International Trade Centre is looking for a/an:

## African Trade Observatory Intern (Trade in goods)

Division/Section:	Division of Market and Development, Trade and Market Intelligence Section (DMD/TMI)
Type of internship:	Regular
Duty Station:	HQ
Duration of assignment*:	3 months, starting 5 August 2024
Application period:	7 May 2024 – 31 May 2024

*\*The general rule is that internships are full-time. In case of part-time work authorised by OCPM, the hiring manager is responsible to ensure that work schedule and duration are adjusted as per the OCPM approval.*

## Terms of Reference

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### **BACKGROUND:**

The International Trade Centre (ITC), a United Nations-World Trade Organization joint agency, assists developing and transition countries to take advantage of expanding trade opportunities in an increasingly complex global environment. ITC promotes sustainable and inclusive development goals through trade.

The Trade and Market Intelligence section (TMI) has developed and is continuously evolving a set of portals that provide data on trade flows, customs duties and market access in a user-friendly and highly flexible way to thousands of users in the developing world. TMI is currently implementing the African Trade Observatory (ATO, <https://ato.africa/en/>), a collaboration with the African Union Commission (AUC) applied to the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA). This project notably aims at providing real-time trade related indicators to African policymakers.

In this context, TMI is looking for an intern to support the implementation of the ATO project, with a special focus on the trade in goods data (data collection, data processing, data quality, indicators).

### **DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES**

Under the overall guidance and the direct supervision of the Programme Officer, the selected intern will provide support on:

- The trade in goods data component (data collection, data processing, data quality, indicators).
- The organisation of events and workshops with stakeholders such as national statistical offices, customs authorities and trade ministries from African countries.

### **REQUIREMENTS**

#### **EDUCATION**

Applicants to the programme shall, at the time of application, meet one of the following requirements:

- a) Be enrolled in a graduate school programme (second university degree or equivalent, or higher); or

- b) Be enrolled in the final academic year of a first university degree programme (minimum bachelor's level or equivalent);
- c) Have graduated with a university degree (as defined in a or b above) and, if selected, shall commence the internship within one year of graduation.

Relevant field of studies: Economics or Data Science or Statistics or Data Engineering.

### **LANGUAGES AND SKILLS**

Fluent in English.

Good knowledge of French or Portuguese or Spanish is an asset.

Interest in development economics.

Experience in processing customs transaction data is an asset.

Good knowledge of one of the following two statistical softwares: Python or R.

### **LEARNING ELEMENTS**

1. Gain professional experience and expertise from team members.
2. Improve data programming skills.
3. Improve analytical skills.
4. Gain experience in organizing international events.

### **HOW TO APPLY:**

Interested candidates should register on the Internship Register:

<https://hrapps.intracen.org/internsonline/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2finternsonline%2fdefault.aspx> and send their (i) CV, (ii) motivation letter, (iii) code sample (Python or R) and (iv) summary of the content of the ongoing/last completed PhD/Master programme (the detailed university's brochure is sufficient) to Mr. Cyril Chalendar: [cchalendar@intracen.org](mailto:cchalendar@intracen.org). The subject of the email must be: *Application – ATO Internship August 2024*. Applications that do not meet the above criteria will not be considered. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted within 2 weeks of the closing date.

*ITC champions workforce diversity, inclusion, gender equality and gender parity and considers all qualified persons - of all genders - equally, including those with disabilities, without discrimination or prejudice of any kind.*