

Internship Opening No.: ITC/IP/14/2024

Date: 5 June 2024

The International Trade Centre is looking for a/an:

Trade Law and Business Environment Intern

Division/Section:	Division of Market Development, Trade Facilitation and Policy for Business Section (DMD/TFPB)
Type of internship:	Remote
Duty Station:	Home-Based
Duration of assignment*:	4 months starting tentatively 30 June 2024, with possibility of extension up to a maximum of six months
Application period:	5 June 2024 - 20 June 2024

Terms of Reference

BACKGROUND:

The international Trade Centre (ITC) is the joint technical agency of the United Nations Conference for Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the World Trade Organization (WTO), which provides technical assistance and capacity building to policymakers, the private sector and trade and investment support organizations to help them use trade as an engine for sustainable growth and employment generation.

ITC assists developing and transition economies to take advantage of expanding trade opportunities in an increasingly complex global environment. ITC promotes sustainable and inclusive development goals through trade. ITC works to support the achievement of the sustainable Development Goals by connecting micro, small and medium enterprises to global value chains. By enabling small business export success in developing countries, ITC helps generate sustainable incomes and livelihoods, especially for women and youth while taking into consideration sustainable elements such as the environment and social responsibility.

The Division of Country Programmes, comprising of five regional Offices, is responsible for conducting country needs assessments and providing required solutions through implementation of trade related technical assistance programmes. In addition, it is responsible for country intelligence, managing strategic relationship with clients, and overall coordination of ITC activities in each region. The DCP division works in coordination for the implementation of technical activities with the Trade Facilitation and Policy for Business (TFPB) within Division of Market Development (DMD).

The OMENA and TFPB will work together in two projects in the OMENA region aiming at providing impact-oriented, customized and responsive technical assistance to the region, in the area of Trade Law and Business Environment. Key impacts of its intervention include the enhanced business and regulatory environment in which firms operate, and improved competitiveness of MSMEs, the creation of self-employment opportunities for vulnerable and marginalized groups through digital channels.

DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES

In this context, the Office of Middle East and North Africa (OMENA) and TFPB are looking for an intern to support the implementation of activities under the mentioned projects, with a special focus on the legal aspects of trade in the selected sectors.

Under the overall guidance and the supervision of the Senior Officer, Trade Facilitation and Policy for Business, the selected intern is expected to:

- On the basis of ongoing projects, assist to carry out research and legal analysis relating to business law, regulatory framework reform, commercial contracts and commercial dispute settlement. In particular, trade law aspects aiming at building a conducive environment for the following sectors among other:
 - Agri-food and beverage
 - Services
 - information and digital technology
 - pharmaceuticals
- Undertake research and analysis with respect to the legal and regulatory aspects of foreign trade and investment, involving countries in the region and with regard to their main trading partners.
- Undertake legal and economic research on the region and assist in updating LegaCarta country profiles reflecting up-to date information.
- Gather updated information on the legal work carried out by other international organizations with the purpose of exploring collaboration and synergies.
- Collaborate in projects aiming and modernizing business ecosystems and improving regulatory frameworks to enhance the efficiency and costs of doing business in target countries.
- Assist in research for the development of project proposals for submission to donors.
- Assist in the preparation of briefing notes, presentations to raise awareness among entrepreneurs, business associations, trade support institutions (TSIs) and policy makers on the importance and benefits of Intellectual Property (IP), geographical indications and trademarks in business, trade and export development.
- Assist in preparation, review and update of training manuals and materials for beneficiaries in the area of business ecosystems, in particular trade law, trade facilitation and investment aiming at supporting local institutions and small firms.
- Develop digital social media experience, and website content and materials preparation in different languages.
- Undertake any other tasks as needed.

REQUIREMENTS

Education

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

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

Relevant field of studies e.g. law, business law, international private and public law, trade law and development, and related.

Languages and Skills

Fluency in English and French.
Working knowledge of other UN language is an asset.

Other skills:

- 1. Computer literacy: MS Word, Excel and PowerPoint.
- 2. Additional skills:
 - a) Understanding of trade and development issues.
 - b) Understanding of results-based management, project monitoring and evaluation.
 - c) Excellent drafting skills.
 - d) Exposure or familiarity with the work of international organisations would be an asset.
 - e) Team spirit and ability to work in a multicultural environment.

LEARNING ELEMENTS

- Gain experience on Trade law and implementation of reforms;
- Gain experience in Project Management,
- Improve project document drafting,
- Gain experience in technical assistance and international organizations.

HOW TO APPLY:

Interested candidates should email their CVs and Motivation Letter to Mr. Ezequiel GUICOVSKY LIZARRAGA <u>guicovsky@intracen.org</u> using the title "<u>Application for Trade Law and Business Environment Internship: First Name, LAST NAME</u>" and register on the Internship Database: https://hrapps.intracen.org/internsonline/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2finternsonline%2fdefault.aspx

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.