

## **JOB DESCRIPTION – Bilingual Political Risk Analyst (West Africa)**

Job location: Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire

### **Purpose**

The Political Risk Analyst is responsible for assessing, monitoring and mitigating political risks affecting trade and investment across Africa. The successful candidate will provide in-depth risk assessments related to transactions, sovereign and sub-sovereign risks and geopolitical developments that could impact ATIDI's insurance portfolio. **The candidate MUST have in depth knowledge and working experience/ exposure to West African markets (Francophone and Anglophone West Africa) and be bilingual (Fluency in French & English).**

### **Key Duties and Responsibilities:**

#### **1. Risk Assessment and Analysis:**

- Conduct comprehensive country and political risk assessments across ATIDI's operational markets, analysing factors such as government stability, policy uncertainty, expropriation risks, political violence, regulatory risks dynamics and sovereign creditworthiness and default risk.
- Analyse transaction structures and assess transaction risks in structured finance, trade finance, project finance and infrastructure investments, to identify political and credit risk exposures, ensuring proper risk mitigation and ensuring ATIDI's risk exposure is well managed.
- Evaluate sovereign credit risk, incorporating country risk ratings, debt sustainability analysis and fiscal vulnerabilities.
- Analyse investment contracts, loan agreements, sovereign and sub-sovereign guarantees and debt instruments to assess creditworthiness, potential risk exposure and potential claim scenarios.
- Develop and maintain country risk ratings, political risk models and early warning indicators, incorporating macroeconomic trends, fiscal stability, sectoral risks, financial stability metrics and governance risks.
- Use quantitative and qualitative models to measure transaction and country-level risks, ensuring alignment with ATIDI's risk appetite.

#### **2. Underwriting and Portfolio Risk Support:**

- Provide political risk intelligence to underwriting teams, supporting the assessment and structuring of ATIDI's risk insurance products, including political risk insurance (PRI), trade credit insurance and investment guarantees.
- Assist in policy structuring, risk pricing and coverage determination, ensuring transactions align with ATIDI's risk appetite and exposure limits.
- Monitor sovereign, sub-sovereign and corporate borrower risk profiles, identifying emerging risks and recommending appropriate risk-mitigation strategies.
- Contribute to stress testing, scenario analysis, and risk simulation models to quantify the impact of political and economic shocks on ATIDI's portfolio.

- Work with claims and legal teams to analyse potential or actual claims arising from political risk events (e.g., contract breaches, currency inconvertibility, expropriation and sovereign defaults).
- Support stress testing, scenario analysis and contingency planning for potential claims events and systemic risks.

### 3. Geopolitical & Economic Intelligence:

- Track and interpret geopolitical trends, regulatory changes, trade policies, elections and international economic developments affecting ATIDI's insurance portfolio.
- Maintain relationships with government agencies, rating agencies, risk intelligence providers, multilateral banks and DFIs to enhance risk intelligence.
- Provide periodic political and economic risk reports, dashboards and briefings to senior leadership and underwriting teams.

### 4. Stakeholder Engagement and Advisory:

- Provide advisory support to underwriting, investments, and senior management on political and transaction risk implications.
- Develop and maintain relationships with government representatives, risk intelligence providers, insurers, DFIs and multilateral financial institutions.
- Represent ATIDI in industry events, policy forums and risk management conferences.

### Role Specifications:

- A Master's degree in Economics, Business Administration (MBA) or related field.
- A Bachelor's degree in economics, Commerce, Business, Finance, Banking or Insurance related field.
- Membership in recognised professional associations, preferably CFA and/or FRM.
- A minimum of five (5) years in political risk analysis, transaction risk assessment, structured finance, or sovereign risk analysis preferably in an insurer, development bank, multilateral institution, Central Bank or financial services firm.
- Strong expertise in structured trade finance, project finance, sovereign lending and corporate credit risk analysis.
- Proven ability to analyse complex investment structures, sovereign guarantees, debt instruments and risk-sharing mechanisms.
- Deep understanding of African political, economic and regulatory landscapes, with experience in country risk analysis and sovereign credit ratings.
- Experience working with political risk insurance, export credit agencies (ECAs), multilateral financial institutions or investment guarantee providers is a strong advantage.
- **The candidate MUST have in depth knowledge and working experience/ exposure to West African markets (Francophone and Anglophone West Africa).**
- Advanced financial modelling and risk assessment capabilities, particularly in stress testing, scenario analysis and macroeconomic risk modelling.
- Exceptional analytical and problem-solving skills, with the ability to interpret complex political, economic and financial data.
- Strong transaction structuring and risk mitigation skills, including expertise in credit enhancement, political risk insurance and financial risk transfer mechanisms.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills, with the ability to produce high-quality reports, presentations and risk briefings.

- Proficiency in risk assessment tools, financial modelling software, and economic databases.
- Ability to work effectively in a multicultural environment and cross-functional teams.
- Willingness to travel across African countries as and when required.
- **Fluency in written and spoken French and English**
- Demonstrate ATIDI's core values - unity of purpose, customer first approach, integrity, getting it first the right time and creativity.

