

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Job Profile:

Refinery & Products Analyst

Job Code: 4.4.02

Within the Secretariat, the prime objectives of the Department are:

- To provide pertinent and reliable information and analyses in support of decision-making and policy-making in Member Countries.
- To carry out, on a continuous basis, research programmes and studies on short-term petroleum market developments with the aim of issuing reports on a regular (i.e. daily, weekly, monthly and bi-monthly) as well as ad hoc basis highlighting important issues for their use and consideration.
- To conduct regular forecasts, elaborate and analyze oil market scenarios and prepare and publish reports on these findings.
- To promote OPEC views and technical analysis on short-term oil market developments to the industry at large and general public via the OPEC Monthly Oil Market Report (especially the feature article) as well as other reports, presentations and related pod casts.
- To prepare and contribute to reports to be submitted to the ECB, the BOG and the MMSC as well as papers for various OPEC publications.

Objective of Position

To study and analyze refining operations and the product market; to study and analyze short-term developments in the product market; to study capacity expansion in the oil refining industry and other related industry for the supply of petroleum products; and to prepare periodic reports for meetings of OPEC organs.

Main Responsibilities

1. Studies and analyses short-term developments in the supply, demand and stocks of petroleum products; examines and analyses refining margins on the basis of market fundamentals, refinery operation levels costs and the impact on the oil market.
2. Analyses the refining industry worldwide and monitors and assesses its short- to medium-term developments in terms of distillation and various conversion capacities, regional configuration schemes and favorable refinery operational modes according to seasonal demand patterns.
3. Examines price links between products in the main markets, i.e. the level of arbitrage trading.
4. Examines the effect of stricter product specifications in the medium term in major consuming countries on refined product supply and hence product price trends.
5. Monitors and analyses short-term, worldwide developments in the petrochemical and utility sectors.
6. Monitors and analyses substitution for petroleum products.
7. Monitors and analyses supply of petroleum products from other sources than crude oil such as GTL, NGL and Condensate and non-conventional crude.
8. Consolidates findings of the above analyses and prepares and issues reports thereon.
9. Carries out any other tasks assigned by the relevant superiors as pertain to his/her background, qualifications and position.

Required Competencies and Qualification

Education:

- University degree in Chemical Engineering or related Engineering with specialization in Energy Economy
- Advanced degree preferred

Work Experience:

- University degree: 8 years
- Advanced degree: 6 years

Training Specializations:

- Refining
- Analysis of international developments with emphasis on crude and product fundamentals
- Energy modeling
- Basic knowledge of product markets

Competencies:

- Integrity
- Professionalism
- Cultural sensitivity
- Teamwork
- Communication
- Customer orientation
- Analytical thinking
- Knowledge sharing and continuous improvement

Language: English

Status and Benefits

Members of the Secretariat are international employees whose responsibilities are not national but exclusively international. In carrying out their functions they have to demonstrate the personal qualities expected of international employees such as integrity, independence and impartiality.

The post is at grade E reporting to the Head, Petroleum Studies Department. The compensation package, including expatriate benefits, is commensurate with the level of the post.

Applications

Applicants must be nationals of Member Countries of OPEC and should not be older than 55 years.

Applicants are requested to complete the Secretariat's application form which can be downloaded from the OPEC website.

In order for applications to be considered, they must reach the OPEC Secretariat through the relevant Governor not later than **16 January 2026**.