



## **Position: IESC Board of Directors, Voting Director**

### **Desired Background of Candidates: Agricultural Banking**

**About IESC:** Improving Economies for Stronger Communities (IESC) is a leading U.S. nonprofit organization that catalyzes private sector growth and creates economic opportunity for people and communities across the economically developing world. Since our founding in 1964—by David Rockefeller, Sol Linowitz, and Frank Pace, with US President Lyndon Johnson announcing IESC’s founding in the White House Rose Garden—we have delivered lasting solutions across 139 countries.

Since our founding, IESC has been a valued partner to people and communities throughout the economically developing world. We share proven business skills and experience with entrepreneurs, jobseekers, businesses, farmers, cooperatives, and governments. We also offer resources—human, technological, financial—that sustainably build capacity and empower communities. Our long legacy of strengthening developing economies is matched by our vision for the next generation: a world with economic opportunity for all, where people and communities thrive.

We achieve our mission primarily through the efforts of long-term staff, who are principally from the countries where we work. We also partner with local organizations to ensure our impact will endure. These efforts are supported by our home office staff in Washington, DC, our dedicated volunteer experts and consultants, as well as select international partners.

Our major funders today are the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), among others, including charitable contributions.

One of our core areas of expertise is facilitating access to finance and investment, with an emphasis on [agricultural lending](#). Our [USAID funded Farmer-to-Farmer program](#), which operates across multiple countries, is focused on facilitating access to agricultural finance for smallholder farmers, youth, and women-led microenterprises

#### **General Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Assures the long-term fiscal and organizational health of the organization in concert with other members of the IESC Board of Directors.
- Attends and participates in board meetings – generally four per year (a mix of remote and in-person).

- Participates in charitable fundraising, directly donating on an annual basis and helping raise charitable donations for IESC (commonly referred to as give and get). The annual giving amount is voted upon by the IESC Board each year.
- Serves on and participates in one or more IESC Board committees (committees include Audit; Finance and Pension; and Nominating and Governance—plus Executive).
- Reviews documents and responds to requests for input in a timely manner.
- Casts a vote on the organization’s proposed annual budget, resolutions, and other matters as consistent with IESC’s Bylaws.

**Term:**

Terms are three years. IESC Voting Directors can serve up to four consecutive three year terms, or twelve consecutive years

**Qualifications for Agricultural Banking Expert Board Candidates:**

- Interest and dedication to the mission of helping people improve their lives by catalyzing private sector growth in economically developing countries.
- A willingness to devote reasonable time to the organization.
- A career background with senior level experience in agricultural banking (ideally C-suite) in US regional agricultural focused banks and/or national/international banks with a focus on agricultural banking.
- Prior nonprofit board experience preferred.

Candidates that promote the diversity of IESC’s Board are particularly welcomed.

The Board is open to receiving candidate recommendations from across the United States, but it would be a plus if candidate are geographically accessible to the NY/DC corridor.

No Director shall be compensated for serving IESC in this capacity. A Director may be reimbursed for direct out-of-pocket expenses for attending meetings of the Board in accordance with IESC’s policies, as adopted or approved by the Board.

**How To Apply:** To express interest in joining IESC’s Board, please submit your resume or bio along with a brief explanation of your interest. Please submit via email to:

[boardagribanking@iesc.org](mailto:boardagribanking@iesc.org).