



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

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Deadline For Application: **30 October 2009**

POSITION TITLE:	STATISTICIAN	GRADE LEVEL:	P-4
		DUTY STATION:	Accra, Ghana
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	REGIONAL OFFICE FOR AFRICA (RAF)	DURATION *:	Fixed Term: 3 years
		POST CODE/N°:	C/0123935
		CCOG CODE:	1M02

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the supervision of the Director, Statistics Division, ESS, and the functional guidance of the Assistant Director-General/Regional Representative for Africa, RAF, will be responsible for the development and dissemination of agricultural statistics in the Region.

Specifically to:

- advise on the development and implementation of national programmes for food and agricultural statistics and advise on the organization of the structures necessary to support these programmes;
- identify, formulate and technically backstop statistical field projects and participate in the selection, briefing and guidance of FAO field experts and the review of technical reports;
- advise on the organization and conduct of agricultural censuses and surveys and of household surveys related to food and agriculture, including the use of appropriate methodologies and the training of national personnel as well as the dissemination of results;
- serve as Secretary of the African Commission on Agricultural Statistics, including the organization of the biennial session, preparation of agenda and timetable, identification of relevant topics and finalization of technical papers and session report;
- organize, coordinate and participate in meetings, seminars and training courses on food and agricultural statistics;
- review regularly FAOSTAT country data identifying missing official data and metadata and follow up on statistical questionnaires to improve response rates and the quality of information;
- improve the access of users to and the dissemination of FAO's database, including preparation of statistical indicators for the region for publication;
- promote cooperation and coordination between countries and facilitate the exchange of information and methodological experiences;
- cooperate with other agencies, regional and subregional bodies and develop partnerships to promote effective and efficient food and agricultural statistics systems;
- provide other units in the Regional Office and Headquarters with relevant inputs for region-wide planning and programming exercises and other report requirements;
- perform other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- University degree in statistics or in economics or related subjects with post-graduate training in statistics
- Seven years of relevant experience in agricultural statistics in national institutions and/or international organizations including field experience in statistical surveys
- Working knowledge of English and French

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent of experience in agricultural statistics
- Extent of experience in statistical surveys including experience in the African Region
- Extent and relevance of academic qualifications
- Extent of experience in formulation and/or implementation of projects and in providing support to countries for technical assistance
- Excellent communication and inter-personal skills, and ability to organize and coordinate technical meetings and seminars
- Quality of writing and reporting skills

Please note that all candidates should possess computer/word processing skills and should be capable of working with people of different national and cultural backgrounds.

** The length of appointment for internal FAO candidates will be established in accordance with applicable policies pertaining to the extension of appointments*

REMUNERATION

Level P-4 carries a net salary per year (inclusive of a variable element for post adjustment) from USD 91,620 to USD 112,260 (without dependants) and from USD 98,388 to USD 121,247 (with dependants)

TO APPLY: Carefully read and follow the Guidelines to applicants

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This vacancy is open to male and female candidates. Applications from qualified women candidates and applications from qualified candidates from non/under-represented member states are encouraged. Please note that FAO staff members are international civil servants subject to the authority of the Director-General and may be assigned to any activities or office of the organization.

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