



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

PROFESSIONAL VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT N°: 2222-ESA

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Deadline For Application: **8 October 2009**

POSITION TITLE:	Senior Economist (Food Policy/Food Security)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-5
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Agricultural Development Economics Division, ESA Economic and Social Development Department	DUTY STATION:	Rome, Italy
		DURATION *:	Fixed Term: three years
		POST CODE/N°:	0782688
		CCOG CODE:	1E02

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the general supervision of the Director, ESA, will:

- lead and coordinate the work of a task team in the areas of food policy and food security;
- plan and conduct analytical work on current and emerging food policy challenges for food and agriculture with a focus on food security;
- undertake analytical work in the areas of improving the linkage between food security information, analysis and decision making;
- prepare topical articles, policy briefs and reports and contribute to the broader global dialogue on food policy and food security;
- provide analytical support in food and/or food security policy formulation to relevant field programmes;
- synthesise and disseminate lessons learned and best practices from food security policy work;
- represent FAO in relevant international and national fora on food policy and food security;
- develop and maintain contact with other international agencies and academic institutions working on food and food security issues and policies;
- mobilize resources in support of the Division's programme of work in the subject area;
- perform other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced university degree in economics or agricultural economics or related field
- Ten years of relevant experience in economic and quantitative analysis of food policy/food security related issues in a development context (a Ph.D. or equivalent degree will count for two years of professional experience)
- Working knowledge of English and limited knowledge of French or Spanish

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent and relevance of experience in food policy/food security analysis and research
- Experience in managing for results and building successful teams
- Extent of experience in working in developing countries on relevant issues
- Extent of knowledge of economic and quantitative analysis with specific reference to development issues
- Relevance and quality of publications record including in refereed outlets
- Quality of both oral and written communication skills
- Proven knowledge of the diverse data sources relevant to the subject area
- Relevance and level of academic qualifications

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-5 carries a net salary per year (inclusive of a variable element for post adjustment) from US\$ 126,499 to US\$ 149,060 (without dependants) and from US\$ 136,167 to US\$ 161,767 (with dependants)

TO APPLY: Carefully read and follow the Guidelines to applicants

Send your application to:

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FAO Viale delle Terme di Caracalla 00100 Rome ITALY
Fax No: +39 06 5705 5522
E-mail: ESAF-Vacancies@fao.org

*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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GUIDELINES TO APPLICANTS

Examine carefully the relevancy of your qualifications by reviewing the Duties & Responsibilities of the position and the requirements that are needed in order to perform the job successfully.

HOW TO APPLY

Please provide a **completed FAO Personal History Form**, found on the Internet site.

- Your application should be typewritten (where possible), signed and dated.
- Clearly indicate in the appropriate box on the Personal History Form and on the front of your application, the title of the post and the Vacancy Number.
- Submit a separate application for each position for which you are applying.
- Send your application to the address (mail, e-mail, or fax) indicated on the Vacancy Announcement.
- Internal candidates should provide 10 copies of their application.

Applicants will be contacted directly if selected for an interview.

FILLING IN THE FAO PERSONAL HISTORY FORM

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Please list the languages with which you are familiar, beginning with your mother tongue, indicating the extent of your knowledge as:

- Excellent/Good = Working knowledge: You will be expected to work independently using the language required, to prepare a variety of written communications (correspondence, reports, working papers, etc...), to participate actively in meetings and in work-related discussions, etc.
- Fair = Limited knowledge: You will be expected to follow work related discussions or meetings, even though you may wish to intervene in another official language. You will be expected to participate in simple conversations, to use the telephone, to read and understand work-related texts and to write simple communications, etc.
- Slight

COMPUTER SKILLS

- Indicate your word processing skills and knowledge of database/spreadsheet (e.g. Excel, Access), or any other office automation software known and used.
- If applicable, specify your work experience in data entry/retrieval and programming skills. Indicate knowledge of programming languages and operating systems.

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

Starting with the present and going in back in time, please give details of:

- Period of study with name and location of the academic institution,
- Title of study obtained, both in the original language and in English, indicating the subject(s) of specialization and year degree* was/is to be awarded,
- List any other relevant training or formal education that may be relevant to your application.

If selected for an interview, you will be expected to provide FAO with certified copies of your academic qualifications.

** A university degree is a title of study substantiated by at least 3 years of full time study (equivalent to a BA or BSc) from a bona fide institution. An advanced university degree is equivalent to a Masters degree.*

EXPERIENCE

- Relevant professional experience is counted from the time of attainment of the first relevant degree.
- Endeavour to demonstrate how your experience meets the requirements of the post.

OTHER INFORMATION

- If applicable, give the number of publications and provide a list and the dates of the most relevant publications.
- Provide samples of written work only upon request.