



**Food and Agriculture
Organization of the
United Nations**

Advertisement for the appointment of members of the FAO Audit Committee

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) is a specialized agency of the United Nations. It strives for a world free of hunger and malnutrition where food and agriculture contribute to improving the living standards of all, especially the poorest, in an economically, socially and environmentally sustainable manner. With over 194 member countries, FAO works in over 130 countries worldwide.

The Audit Committee is an expert advisory panel which assists the Director-General and the Finance Committee on internal control arrangements, risk management processes, financial reporting and internal audit, inspection, investigation and ethics functions of the Organization. The Audit Committee advises on these matters taking into consideration the Financial Regulations and Rules, as well as policies and procedures applicable to FAO, and its operating environment.

The specific responsibilities of the Audit Committee include advising the Director-General and the Finance Committee on the following:

- a) policies significantly affecting accounting and financial reporting issues and the Organization's financial control;
- b) the Organization's internal control and risk management strategy, framework and processes, in light of the significant risks facing the Organization;
- c) the Organization's policies to combat fraudulent, corrupt and collusive practices of its employees and external parties, including improper use of the Organization's resources, and the arrangements for employees and external parties to raise concerns, in confidence, about wrongdoing in the management and conduct of operations;
- d) the effectiveness and efficiency of the Office of the Inspector-General's internal audit, inspection and investigation functions, and adherence to the Charter of the Office of the Inspector-General, the Guidelines on Internal Administrative Investigations and to applicable international internal auditing and investigation standards; and
- e) all matters pertaining to the formulation, development and implementation of the Organization's ethics programme.

MEMBERSHIP

The Audit Committee consists of five external members to FAO. Members are selected on the basis of their qualifications and relevant experience at senior level in the areas of: oversight including audit, investigation and ethics, financial management, governance, risk and controls. Due regard is paid in their selection to gender and geographic representation in the Audit Committee.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Members of the Audit Committee shall be independent of the FAO Secretariat and the Director-General. The appointment is for a three-year term, which may be renewed for a further three years, without compensation. Members are expected to attend at least three meetings each year in Rome, Italy. Travel and subsistence costs are paid by FAO.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Interested applicants are invited to submit an application by email at Applications-FAO-Audit-Committee@fao.org

Deadline for applications: 21 January 2019