



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Vacancy Announcement No: IRC6081

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Deadline For Application: 20 February 2019

Position Title:	Economist (Food Security And Nutrition Policy)	Grade Level:	P-4
		Duty Station:	Italy, Rome
Organizational Unit:	Agricultural Development Economics Division, ESA	Duration *:	Fixed term: one year (with possibility of extension)
		Post Number:	2007077
		CCOG Code:	1L09

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

**Qualified female applicants and qualified nationals of non-and under-represented member countries are encouraged to apply.
Persons with disabilities are equally encouraged to apply.**

All applications will be treated with the strictest confidence.

The incumbent may be re-assigned to different activities and/or duty stations depending on the evolving needs of the Organization.

Organizational Setting

The Agricultural Development Economics Division (ESA) conducts economic research and policy analysis related to all five of the Organization's strategic objectives (food security, sustainable agriculture, poverty reduction, inclusive food systems and resilient livelihoods); ESA provides evidence-based analytical support to national, regional and global policy processes and initiatives related to food security and sustainable agriculture and leads the production of three FAO flagship publications: *The State of Food and Agriculture*, *The State of Food Insecurity in the World*, and *World Agriculture Towards 2030/50*. ESA also leads large programmes at country level on the right to food, agricultural policy monitoring, climate smart agriculture, social protection, and food security information and analysis in support of national policies.

The post is located in the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) joint Secretariat, which is hosted in ESA and funded by FAO, IFAD and WFP. The CFS constitutes the foremost inclusive international and intergovernmental platform for a broad range of committed stakeholders to work together in a coordinated manner and in support of country-led processes towards the elimination of hunger and ensuring food security and nutrition for all human beings. The CFS Secretariat provides technical support to the Committee, its Bureau and Advisory Group and its working groups. This includes collection, analysis and presentation of information in support of the global food security policy agenda, facilitating and contributing to the implementation of CFS workstreams, developing documents and preparations for CFS sessions and meetings, and strengthening linkages with CFS stakeholders.

Reporting Lines

The Economist reports to the Secretary of CFS and in close collaboration with the joint CFS Secretariat.

Technical Focus

The Economist will solicit and provide technical, analytical and strategic inputs to the Secretariat of the Committee to support the Committee, its Bureau and Advisory Group and its working groups.

Key Results

Comprehensive technical, statistical, analytical and/or policy analysis services and the development of specialized tools, methodologies, systems and/or databases to support the planning, implementation/delivery and monitoring of the programme of work and related products, projects, publications, and services.

Key Functions

- Plans and leads components of multidisciplinary teams and short-term work groups, leads and/or participates on division/departmental teams, participates on organization-wide committees, project teams, and working groups and provides specialized expertise on international technical networks and or technical policy and standard setting bodies;
- Develops technical, statistical, analytical, monitoring and reporting frameworks, and related tools, methodologies, systems and databases etc. to support the planning, implementation/delivery and monitoring of the programmes of work, products, projects, and services;
- Designs and conducts research, data collection, validation, analysis and/or reporting activities to support the development of technical standards, international instruments, innovative tools and methodologies, flagship publications/technical reports and/or policy proposals as well as the provision of technical specialist and/or policy advice and expertise;
- Responds to requests and provides technical/policy advice, assistance and solutions to regional, subregional, and country offices and provides technical backstopping to field projects;

- Promotes international cooperation and collaboration, advocates best practices and increased policy dialogue and provides technical expertise at international meetings and conferences;
- Collaborates in capacity development activities involving knowledge sharing, the organization of training workshops, seminars, and meetings as well as the development of related materials and online tools and information kits;
- Participates in resource mobilization activities in accordance with corporate strategy and departmental plans.

Specific Functions

- Plans and coordinates CFS activities as determined by the CFS Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPoW);
- Coordinates Technical Task Teams and liaises with technical units of the Rome-based agencies (RBAs);
- Conceptualizes and facilitates policy dialogues and multistakeholder consultations and liaises with and supports working group chairs;
- Leads the process of formulating technical documents and policy recommendations throughout the different stages of drafting;
- Compiles and analyses case studies and consolidates comments by multiple CFS stakeholders;
- Provides planning and other preparatory work for the CFS Plenary and intersessional activities, including agenda, preparing concept notes, documents, and CFS work plan;
- Participates to the day-to-day administration of, and operational support to, the CFS component of the project *Strengthening governance of food security and nutrition through the CFS*, including preparation and monitoring of budget and annual work plans in consultation with immediate collaborating partners;
- Participates in the preparation of high level conferences and meetings and editing documents;
- Performs other related duties as required.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in economics, agricultural economics, development economics, nutrition or a field related to food security and nutrition;
- Seven years of relevant experience in analysis of food and agricultural issues, including at least three years in the field of food security policy and/or nutrition policy;
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese, Russian.

Competencies

- Results Focus;
- Teamwork;
- Communication;
- Building Effective Relationships;
- Knowledge Sharing and Continuous Improvement.

Technical/Functional Skills

- Work experience in more than one location or area of work, particularly in field positions is desirable;
- Extent and relevance of experience and knowledge of UN governing bodies and working with multistakeholder groups;
- Extent and relevance of experience in analysis of food and agricultural issues, including food security policy and/or nutrition policy at national and global scales;
- Relevant experience in organizing high level conferences and meetings;
- Ability to mobilize resources.

Please note that all candidates should adhere to *FAO Values of Commitment to FAO, Respect for All and Integrity and Transparency*.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- All candidates should possess computer/word processing skills
- Your application will be screened based on the information provided in your iRecruitment online profile (see "*How to Apply*"). We strongly recommend that you ensure that the information is accurate and complete including employment record, academic qualifications and language skills
- Please note that FAO will only consider academic credentials or degrees obtained from an educational institution recognized in the IAU/UNESCO list
- Other similar positions at the same level may be filled from this vacancy notice and the endorsed candidates will be considered for the Employment Roster for a period of two years
- Candidates may be requested to provide performance assessments

REMUNERATION

A competitive compensation and benefits package is offered. For information on UN salaries, allowances and benefits, click on the following link: http://www.un.org/Depts/OHRM/salaries_allowances/salary.htm

HOW TO APPLY

To apply, visit the iRecruitment website at <http://www.fao.org/employment/irecruitment-access/en/> and complete your online profile. Only applications received through iRecruitment will be considered.

Candidates are requested to attach a letter of motivation to the online profile.

Vacancies will be removed from iRecruitment at 23:59 Central European Time (CET) on the deadline for applications date. We encourage applicants to submit the application well before the deadline date.

If you need help, or have queries, please contact: iRecruitment@fao.org

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