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POSITION TITLE:	<b>Policy Officer</b>	GRADE LEVEL:	<b>P-3</b>
		DUTY STATION:	<b>Rome</b>
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	<b>Policy assistance Support Service, TCSP</b>	DURATION *:	<b>Fixed-term: three years</b>
	Policy and Programme Development Support Division, TCS	POST CODE/N°:	<b>0096342</b>
		CCOG CODE:	<b>1E02</b>

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**Applications from qualified women as well as from qualified nationals of non-and under-represented member countries are encouraged**

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#### DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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Under the general supervision of the Chief, TCSP, and the immediate supervision of a Senior Policy Officer, will contribute to policy assistance and capacity building activities on selected food security, agriculture and rural development priority issues in collaboration with other concerned units in Headquarters and in Regional and Subregional Offices. In particular will:

- contribute to the preparation of technical materials, including analytical tools, to support policy and capacity building assistance to member countries in food security, agriculture and rural development policy, and related sector strategy formulation;
- participate in missions for identification, formulation, appraisal and backstopping of policy-related projects in areas of FAO's mandate; and grant technical backstopping of such projects;
- participate in FAO policy advisory support to FAO member countries and their Regional Economic Integration Organizations, in particular the African Union and its NEPAD Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP), and reports and briefs thereon;
- contribute to the development of the Organization's field programme;
- monitor key global food, agriculture and rural development policy developments, paying particular attention to major emerging trends and challenges;
- draft technical and methodological papers on selected policy issues, in collaboration with other FAO units and external partners;
- participate in comparative studies on policy experience of member countries and on selected priority themes;
- prepare and review policy-related project proposals and documents;
- perform other related duties as required.

#### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

*Candidates should meet the following:*

- Advanced university degree in economics, agricultural or development economics, social science or related fields
- Five years of relevant experience in food, agriculture and rural development policy analysis, including policy assistance and capacity building in these fields to developing countries or countries in transition
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two

#### SELECTION CRITERIA

*Candidates will be assessed against the following:*

- Extent of experience in policy analysis and advice and/or capacity building in food security, agriculture and rural development
- Extent of field experience in developing countries or countries in transition
- Familiarity with current and emerging food security and agricultural development policy issues and challenges globally as well as in food insecure regions
- Familiarity with regional integration issues and concerns
- Extent of analytical skills
- Good communication skills, both oral and in writing

*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**

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#### REMUNERATION

A competitive compensation and benefits package is offered. For information on UN salaries, allowances and benefits, click on the following link: <http://icsc.un.org/>

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#### TO APPLY: Carefully read and follow the **Guidelines to applicants**

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