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<b>POSITION TITLE:</b>	<b>Agricultural Finance Officer</b>	<b>GRADE LEVEL:</b>	<b>P-3</b>
		<b>DUTY STATION:</b>	<b>Rome</b>
<b>ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:</b>	<b>Rural Infrastructure and Agro-Industries Division, AGS</b>	<b>DURATION *:</b>	<b>Fixed term: 3 years</b>
	Agriculture & Consumer Protection Department, AG	<b>POST CODE/N<sup>o</sup>:</b>	<b>C</b>
		<b>CCOG CODE:</b>	<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 overall supervision of the Director, AGS, and the direct supervision of the Senior Officer, Agribusiness and Finance Group, will participate in the development and implementation of programme and policy activities relating to agribusiness and food systems development. In particular, will:

- Provide technical guidance to improve and strengthen financial services for agricultural and agribusiness enterprises and broader finance and investment issues impacting on agro-industries, food systems and value chain development;
- Participate in the design and implementation of agribusiness and rural infrastructure programmes, especially in relation to finance and investment; as required provide technical backstopping to field projects;
- Participate in data collection and analysis and developing technical papers relating to agribusiness and food systems investment on topics such as enabling environments for investment, financial services, institutional strengthening and public-private partnerships;
- Provide technical assistance to FAO member countries on ways to address strategy and policy issues for finance and investment which support increased flows of financing for the agricultural sector, especially to small and medium agribusiness enterprises;
- Appraise financing and investment requirements for agribusiness and agricultural value chains and recommend appropriate financing strategies for reducing risk and improving effectiveness;
- Appraise capacity building needs relating to finance which support improved impacts of agrifood systems and food security; develop training materials and participate in the conduct of training courses;
- Participate in project development and resource mobilization in support of Divisional initiatives;
- Prepare and participate in technical meetings; disseminate information and data through both electronic exchanges and websites, conferences and publications;
- Develop and maintain working contacts with counterparts in other organizations, associations, private sector firms and development agencies working in finance and agribusiness; participate actively in relevant FAO inter-disciplinary groups;
- Perform other related duties as required.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS**

*Candidates should meet the following:*

- Advanced University Degree in Agricultural or Agribusiness Finance, Agricultural Economics or Applied Economics with Finance as a main subject
- Five years of relevant experience in one or more of the following areas: agricultural and/or agribusiness finance, finance, value chain finance and/or agricultural and rural investment banking which included relevant working experience in developing countries
- 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:*

- Relevance of experience related to policy issues, strategies and programmes for fostering finance and investment in agriculture, agro-industries, agro-enterprises, agricultural value chains, and rural infrastructure
- Demonstrated experience in working with and depth of understanding of agribusiness, including small and medium sized enterprises, and agricultural value chains
- Depth of knowledge of and capacity to analyze and communicate effectively on critical issues of finance and investment affecting governments, agribusinesses/agro-enterprises and rural infrastructure development in developing countries and in helping to formulate strategies and policies to address them
- Demonstrated experience in appraising capacity building needs relating to rural, agricultural and agribusiness finance and in assisting member countries develop training programmes and in organizing and conducting training activities
- Quality of analytical and writing skills with evidence of technical publications and papers
- Extent of language skills
- Demonstrated networking skills to form working partnerships and strategic alliances with both public and private organizations

*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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