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Deadline For Application: 23 March 2011

POSITION TITLE:	Economist (Commodities)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-3
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Trade and Markets Division, EST Economic and Social Development Department, ES	DUTY STATION:	Rome, Italy
		DURATION *:	Fixed Term: 3 Years
		POST CODE/N°:	unidentified
		CCOG CODE:	1E02

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

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the overall direction of the Division Director and the direct supervision of the Senior Economist concerned, will perform economic analysis for the development and implementation of the programme related to Basic Foodstuffs. In particular will:

- prepare analytical papers on the current situation, short and medium term outlook for supply, demand, trade and prices;
- prepare analytical and policy-oriented studies/reports, on national and international market developments, marketing arrangements and national and international policies;
- analyse and disseminate market information and develop and maintain databases on markets;
- prepare, assist and advise, as required, in the formulation and implementation of technical assistance and development projects and provide technical backstopping;
- develop and maintain contacts with international and national, public and private institutions for general coordination and exchange of information, including by networking through electronic means;
- contribute to the preparation and servicing of intergovernmental meetings of commodities covered by the Division;
- perform other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced degree in Economics or Agricultural Economics
- Five years of experience in economic research and policy analysis, (Ph. D. or equivalent degree may substitute for two years of the required experience)
- Working knowledge of English and French or Spanish and limited knowledge of the other one

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Relevance and extent of experience in economic research and analysis of agricultural markets and policies
- Demonstrated ability to plan and conduct quantitative economic research and analysis, preferably in the field of markets and trade
- Quality, depth and relevance of academic qualifications
- Quality of both oral and written communications skills
- Extent of knowledge of economic problems of developing countries and policy developments affecting their production and trade
- Working knowledge of a third official language of FAO would be an asset

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

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