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Deadline For Application: 15 August 2011

POSITION TITLE:	Agricultural Finance Officer	GRADE LEVEL:	P-4
		DUTY STATION:	Rome
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Agribusiness and Finance Group	DURATION *:	Fixed-Term: Three Years
	Rural Infrastructure and Agro-Industries Division	POST CODE/N°:	C/0066656
	AGSD		
	Agriculture and Consumer Protection Department	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 supervision of the Director, AGS and the general supervision of the Senior Officer, Agribusiness and Finance Group, will develop and implement programme and policy activities in agribusiness and agricultural sector finance and investment. In particular, the incumbent 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;
- design and implement agribusiness and agro-industry programmes, especially in relation to finance and investment; as required provide technical backstopping to field projects;
- collect and analyse data and develop technical papers on agricultural insurance, financial services and innovations, 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 agro-enterprises and rural households and infrastructure;
- appraise financing and investment requirements for agribusiness and agro-industries and recommend appropriate financing strategies for reducing risk and improving effectiveness;
- evaluate capacity building needs in financial products and services which support improved impacts of agrifood systems and food security; develop training materials and programmes and deliver training courses;
- coordinate preparation of 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 specialised in finance and agribusiness; represent the division at the Organization's 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 economics with finance as a major subject
- Seven years of relevant experience in one or more of the following areas: agricultural and/or agribusiness finance, value chain finance, agricultural and rural investment banking or agricultural insurance, 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 in policy issues, strategies and services for fostering finance and investment in agriculture, agro-industries, agro-enterprises, agricultural value chains, and rural infrastructure
- Depth of knowledge of and capacity to analyze and communicate effectively on critical issues of finance, insurance, banking and investment affecting governments, agribusinesses/agro-enterprises and rural infrastructural development in developing countries and in facilitating formulation of strategies and policies to address them
- Demonstrated experience in appraising capacity building needs in rural, agricultural and agribusiness finance and in assisting member countries develop training programmes and in organizing and conducting training activities
- Level and relevance of academic training in agricultural, agribusiness and rural finance
- Quality of analytical and writing skills with evidence of technical publications and papers relevant to agricultural finance

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**

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

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