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Deadline For Application: 16 August 2011

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| POSITION TITLE: | Agricultural Officer | GRADE LEVEL: | P-3 |
| | | DUTY STATION: | Rome, Italy |
| ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: | Latin America, the Caribbean, East Asia and the Pacific Service (TCIO) | DURATION *: | Fixed Term: 3 years |
| | Investment Centre Division (TCI) | POST CODE/N°: | 0025208 |
| | Technical Cooperation Department (TC) | 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

The Investment Centre Division (TCI) promotes investment in agriculture and rural development in developing countries and countries in transition, assisting governments, international financing institutions (IFIs) and other development partners to achieve growth, poverty alleviation and food security.

Under the overall guidance of the Director, TCI, and the direct supervision of the Chief, TCIO, the incumbent will provide technical advice and, as a member of multidisciplinary teams, contribute to the formulation and analysis of agricultural investment operations (such as projects and programmes). In particular, the incumbent will:

- assist governments and development partners in the design, appraisal and implementation support of investment operations in the fields of agriculture and natural resources;
- contribute to the review of agricultural and natural resources sector strategies, plans and operations for investment implications, technical, financial and environmental feasibility and compliance with national strategic objectives;
- analyse the constraints and opportunities of different agricultural environments with emphasis on the functionality of: markets, support services, institutions and organizations; risk management systems and private sector engagement; as well as climate smart agriculture practices to reduce vulnerability;
- analyse farming systems, formulate development and livelihood options and assess their likely impact and adoption;
- prepare clear and concise reports in line with the requirements of governments and financing partners;
- assist the Service Chief on: field mission organization and Terms of Reference, selection of consultants and supervision of their work and in ensuring the quality of the Service outputs;
- interact at working level with government officials, development partners and beneficiaries to facilitate exchange of critical information and validate the findings and recommendations regarding the investment proposals;
- perform other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- University degree and advanced university studies in agriculture, or closely related field
- Five years of relevant experience in planning and implementing agricultural investment operations, including elaboration of feasibility studies and relevant field work in developing countries and/or countries in transition
- Working knowledge of English and limited knowledge of Spanish, French or Chinese

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent and relevance of experience in the formulation of agricultural investment operations, including work in developing and/or countries in transition, as well as in participating in multidisciplinary teams for agricultural investment formulation and implementation support
- Extent and relevance of experience in addressing issues related to public and private agricultural services, including research and advisory/extension, agricultural marketing and support to producer organizations, capacity building and training and sector wide approaches
- Demonstrated experience in a range of technical fields, in such domains as rainfed and irrigated crop production, land or natural resources management, climate change adaptation and mitigation, conservation agriculture, livestock husbandry; and plant or animal health
- Relevance of experience in working in different geographical contexts, and familiarity with the regions covered by the vacancy announcement
- Familiarity with techniques for the monitoring and evaluation of agricultural projects
- 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**

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/>

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

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