



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

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Deadline For Application: **5 September 2011**

POSITION TITLE:	ECONOMIST (Food Security Assessment and Early Warning)	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°:	C/0088986
		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 guidance of the Director, EST, and the supervision of a Senior Economist, as member of one or more task teams, the incumbent will be responsible for the planning and preparation of analytical appraisals of the current and prospective food situation in Central and South America and the Caribbean. In particular, the incumbent will:

- carry out analysis on food security and vulnerability-related issues in the region;
- monitor continuously the crop and food security situation in the countries of assignment, analysing all types of information bearing on food production, trade, stocks, demand and prices;
- contribute to GIEWS' analysis and regular reports;
- prepare special alerts/reports for issuance to the international community on specific food problem situations which may require international assistance;
- participate in Crop and Food Security Assessment Missions to countries facing impending food crisis;
- build and support networks at country and regional levels to assure the regular flow of food security related information to GIEWS, and provide technical support on crop and food security monitoring and assessment methods;
- perform other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced University degree in economics or agricultural economics
- Five years of relevant experience in economic analysis related to food and agriculture sectors (Ph.D. or equivalent degree may substitute for two years of required experience)
- Working knowledge of English and Spanish

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent and relevance of experience in economic analysis related to food security issues in developing countries
- Good communication skills, both oral and in writing
- Extent and level of knowledge of development and food security issues in countries of the region
- Extent and level of knowledge of relevant information systems and methods
- Knowledge of French would be an asset
- Extent and relevance of educational qualifications

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**

Send your application to:

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