



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

**PROFESSIONAL VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT N°: ESS-929-13-PRJ**

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Deadline For Application: 20 August 2013

POSITION TITLE:	<b>Statistician (Technical Assistance and Training)</b>	GRADE LEVEL:	<b>P-4</b>
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	<b>Statistics Division, ESS</b>  Economic and Social Development Department, ES	DUTY STATION:	<b>Rome</b>
		DURATION *:	<b>Fixed term: two years (with possibility of extension)</b> <b>Unidentified</b>
		Post Code/N°:	<b>CCOG Code: 1M02</b>

**Applications from qualified women as well as from qualified nationals of non-and under-represented member countries are encouraged  
Persons with disabilities are equally encouraged to apply. All applications will be treated with the strictest confidence.**

**The incumbent may be re-assigned to different activities and/or duty stations depending on the evolving needs of the organization.**

**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

Under the general supervision of the Director, ESS, and the direct supervision of the Coordinator of the Global Office for the implementation of the Global Strategy, and as a member of one or more task teams, the incumbent will be responsible for leading the technical assistance and training components of the Global Strategy to improve agricultural and rural statistics. In particular, the incumbent will:

- develop technical standards, guidelines/handbooks on the production of statistics for the overall agricultural sector in close collaboration with the Research Coordinator;
- develop standards on delivery and quality control of Technical Assistance (TA) for the implementation of the global strategy;
- enhance collaboration and networking with regional partners as well as with other TA providers and the international statistical community providing guidance when necessary to regional partners;
- develop standards for training (assessment of training needs, development of curricula, preparation of training material based on technical guidelines and handbooks);
- facilitate exchange of good practices between regions and training centres;
- organise seminars and training of trainers as appropriate;
- ensure the overall consistency of activities with the other components of the Global Strategy and the ESS division's work;
- ensure effective coordination, quality assurance, overall monitoring and evaluation of deliverables;
- contribute to the preparation of annual work plans and budget, and the overall monitoring and reporting activities of the Global Office;
- undertake identification and recruitment of consultants as required, coordinate their work and develop and maintain a roster of experts;
- perform other related duties as requested.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS**

*Candidates should meet the following:*

- Advanced university degree in statistics, economics, agro-economy or related field
- Seven years of relevant experience in the provision of technical assistance and training in agricultural statistics, the preparation of standards or guidelines and the implementation of statistical capacity development programmes (a Ph.D. or equivalent degree will count as two years of professional experience)
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese or Russian

**SELECTION CRITERIA**

*Candidates will be assessed against the following:*

- Extent and relevance of experience in the provision of technical assistance and preparation/implementation of training programmes in agricultural statistics
- Extent and relevance of experience in establishing technical standards and preparing guidelines/handbooks in agricultural statistics
- Quality of oral and written communication skills
- Ability to work well as part of a multidisciplinary team

*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/>

**For guidelines to applicants, please visit the Application Toolkit at: <http://www.fao.org/employment/current-vacancies/project/en/>**

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