



POSITION TITLE:	Programme Officer (FIRST)	GRADE LEVEL:	P3
		DUTY STATION:	Rome, Italy
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Agricultural Development Economics Division (ESA) Economic and Social Development Department (ES)	DURATION *:	Fixed term: 3 years
		POST CODE/N°:	unidentified
		CCOG CODE:	1.A.02

**Qualified female applicants and qualified nationals of non-and under-represented member countries are encouraged to apply.
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

FAO and European Union have developed a partnership programme to strengthen the enabling environment for food and nutrition security and sustainable agriculture in a number of priority countries, and in collaboration with a limited number of regional organizations. The programme referred to as "FIRST" (Food and Nutrition Security Impact, Resilience, Sustainability and Transformation) will be supported by a Programme Officer, who will work under the overall guidance of the Director, ESA and the direct supervision of the FIRST Programme Manager. Specifically, the Programme Officer will:

- Support the implementation of the FIRST programme and ensure coordination between the team working at FAO headquarters and the network of policy officers based at country levels;
- Contribute to the design and implementation of the various coaching, training and support mechanisms;
- Support the sharing of lessons and good practices from the FIRST programme and their application in the overall implementation process;
- Coordinate activities related to Programme administration and finance and prepare related reports;
- Liaise with FAO technical units, country offices and the European Union for effective implementation of project activities;
- Support in the integration of FIRST work plans into the FAO strategic framework (especially for Strategic Objectives SO1 and SO2*);
- Collaborate in and ensure the quality and effectiveness of capacity development activities;
- Contribute to the development and implementation of the FIRST quality assurance and risk management mechanisms;
- Perform other duties as required.

*SO1: Contribute to the eradication of hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition

*SO2: Increase and improve provision of goods and services from agriculture, forestry and fisheries in a sustainable manner

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced university degree in (agricultural) economics, management, business administration, development studies, social sciences or a related field
- Five years of relevant experience in one or more of the following: food security and agriculture policy development, analysis and implementation, project management and coordination
- Working knowledge of English and limited knowledge of French or Spanish

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent and relevance of experience in project coordination, results-based management, work planning budget planning, monitoring and evaluation especially of food security-related programmes
- Extent of experience in food and nutrition security and/or sustainable agriculture programmes in developing countries
- Knowledge of FAO's Strategic Framework and Programme of Work and Budget is desirable
- Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively within a team, supporting others and fostering a positive team environment
- Excellent communication skills both orally and in writing and demonstrated ability to build and maintain relationships to achieve common goals
- Work experience in more than one location or area of work, particularly in field positions is desirable

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

Send your application to:

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