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Deadline For Application: **7 November 2014**

POSITION TITLE:	Senior Policy Officer	GRADE LEVEL:	P-5
		DUTY STATION:	Multiple locations
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Agricultural Development Economics Division (ESA)	DURATION *:	Fixed term: one year (with possibility of extension)
	Economic and Social Development Department (ES)	POST CODE/N°:	unidentified
		CCOG CODE:	1.E.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

FAO and the European Union have agreed to a partnership programme designed to strengthen the enabling environment for food and nutrition security and sustainable agriculture (FNSSA) in a number of priority countries. The programme referred to as "FIRST" (Food and Nutrition Security Impact, Resilience, Sustainability and Transformation) will be supported by full time Policy Officers stationed in various countries. The Policy Officer will work under the overall guidance of the ESA Director (FAO/Rome), the technical supervision of the Manager of the FIRST Programme and the direct supervision of the FAO Country Representative, while working in close collaboration with the European Union Delegation, Government counterparts, relevant FAO Regional/Sub-regional offices and other stakeholders at country and/or regional level. Specifically, the incumbent will:

- analyse global and country specific requirements, organize and lead an in-depth assessment of the policy and institutional framework of Food and Nutrition Security and Sustainable Agriculture (FNSSA), and identify areas for improvements;
- plan, organize and participate in capacity development plans and activities as endorsed by the Government involving the provision of advice, technical assistance, training workshops, seminars, and meetings as well as oversee the development of related materials, on-line tools and information kit;
- provide technical and policy advice and support to Government in the development and implementation of their policies and programmes in ways that will accelerate and maximize their impact on FNSSA;
- prepare reports to FAO, European Union and Government on progress achieved and issues related to FIRST implementation;
- represent the Organization at international/inter-governmental meetings and conferences, advocate strategic partnerships, best practices, and increased policy dialogue and develop and negotiate effective working relationships/consensus and agreements with international and national partners;
- provide short-term policy and technical assistance in other countries as part of the FIRST expert network;
- lead and/or participate in resource mobilization activities;
- perform other duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced university degree in agricultural economics, development economics, food security and nutrition and/or sustainable agriculture or related area
- Ten years of relevant experience in policy analysis and advice related to food and nutrition security and/or sustainable agriculture policy
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Russian, Arabic or Chinese

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent and relevance of experience in policy analysis and advice in the area of food and nutrition security and/or sustainable agriculture policy
- Demonstrated ability to make informed and coherent decisions aligned with broader goals and strategies;
- Demonstrated ability to encourage and contribute to clear and open communication as well as ability to prepare technical reports clearly and concisely
- Demonstrated ability to promote ideas, build networks and partnerships with parties outside of own team and organization in order to achieve set objectives
- Demonstrated ability to coordinate, direct, facilitate and recognize team efforts; create an enabling environment and assist others to realize and develop their potential
- Work experience in more than one location or area of work, particularly in field positions is essential

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**

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

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