



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

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Deadline For Application: 14 May 2014

POSITION TITLE:	Senior Statistician (Global Strategy)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-5
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Statistics Division, ESS Economic and Social Development Department, ES	DUTY STATION:	ROME
		DURATION *:	Fixed Term: 2 years (with possibility of extension)
		Post Code/N°:	Unidentified
		CCOG CODE:	1.M.02

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 overall guidance of the Director, ESS and the supervision of the Global Office Coordinator, and as member of one or more task teams, the incumbent will be responsible for the coordination of the methodological research component in support to the implementation of the Global Strategy to improve agricultural and rural statistics (Global Strategy). In particular, the incumbent will:

- lead, coordinate, and guide the methodological research activities aimed at developing new cost-effective methods to be adopted by Member countries for improving agricultural and rural statistics; provide technical leadership, coordination and advice to staff working on the methodological research component;
- serve as Secretary of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Agricultural and Rural Statistics and prepare bi-annual progress reports for the UN Statistical Commission and other relevant reports;
- prepare the annual research work programmes and budgets within the framework of the Global Office work programme; monitor the implementation of the research component according to the logical framework of the Global Office;
- coordinate the selection procedures of qualified technical partners for implementing the research activities according to FAO rules; manage the work of the technical partners undertaking methodological researches;
- provide technical advice on methodological and conceptual questions for developing advanced and cost-effective methodologies and tools to be developed within the framework of the research component;
- lead technical meetings and workshops including meetings of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) to discuss, guide and validate results of the research activities; ensure that results of the research component are adequately used for the preparation of guidelines and training material;
- ensure coordination, integration and synergies with methodological developments undertaken within the ESS division, other FAO divisions and with other stakeholders and partners of the Global Strategy;
- prepare methodological publications, technical reports, working papers, and documents on new developments and best practices related to advanced methodologies for agricultural statistics;
- perform other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced university degree in Statistics or a related field
- Ten years relevant experience in methodological research in statistics
- 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 academic qualifications and scientific publications
- Extent and relevance of experience in methodological research applied to agricultural statistics in an international environment as well in managing research programmes in academic, research or other institutions
- Demonstrated ability to develop and maintain partnerships and collaborations with universities and research institutes
- Extent and relevance of experience in providing technical leadership and coordination of research activities
- Excellent oral and written communication skills in English and demonstrated ability to prepare technical reports
- Knowledge of global international development agendas
- 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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