



POSITION TITLE:	<b>Senior Statistician (Global Office for the implementation of the Global Strategy)</b>	GRADE LEVEL:	<b>P-5</b>
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	<b>Statistics Division, ESS</b>  Economic and Social Development Department, ES	DUTY STATION:	<b>ROME</b>
		DURATION *:	<b>Fixed Term: 2 years (with possibility of extension)</b>
		POST CODE/N <sup>o</sup> :	<b>Unidentified</b>
		CCOG CODE:	<b>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**

**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

Under the overall guidance of the Director, ESS, and in coordination with the Global Office Coordinator, the incumbent will be responsible for the methodological research activities in support to the implementation of the Global Strategy to improve agricultural and rural statistics (Global Strategy). He/she 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. The incumbent will also serve as Secretary of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Agricultural and Rural Statistics. In particular, the incumbent will:

- contribute to the overall management, implementation and monitoring of the activities of the Global Office, including the preparation of annual work plans and budgets;
- manage and supervise staff working on the methodological research component;
- develop an implementation strategy and a multi-year plan for operationalisation of the methodological research component of the Action Plan and detailed annual work plans and budgets;
- provide leadership on all methodological and conceptual questions for developing advanced and cost-effective methodologies, tools, and guidelines on agricultural statistics foreseen in the Action Plan to be adopted in Member countries for improving agricultural and rural statistics;
- identify, in consultation with the scientific advisory committee, qualified technical partners at global, regional and national levels for conducting methodological research on priority topics of the Action Plan;
- oversee technical content of contracts, provide technical guidance, supervise and validate the work of the technical partners (universities, research institutes etc.) undertaking methodological research to develop specific methodological guidelines and handbooks;
- serve as Secretary of the Inter-Agency Expert Group on Agricultural and Rural Statistics and prepare bi-annual progress reports to the UN Statistical Commission and other relevant reports ;
- ensure coordination, complementarity and synergy between methodological research conducted under the Global Office and methodological developments undertaken by other officers of ESS and other FAO Divisions;
- organise technical meetings, workshops and other scientific forum to discuss, guide and validate results of the research activities;
- collaborate with other Action Plan component leaders, particularly leaders of training component to ensure preparation of training and technical assistance guidelines based on results of the methodological research activities;
- prepare methodological publications, technical reports, working papers, books and documents on new developments and best practices related to advanced methodologies for agricultural statistics;
- contribute to the planning and management of the Statistics Division's work programme;
- perform other related duties as required.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS**

*Candidates should meet the following:*

- Advanced university degree in Statistics or related fields
- Ten years of experience in methodological research in agricultural statistics
- 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 methodological research applied to agricultural statistics
- Strong background in applied research in an international environment
- Ability to establish and develop partnerships and collaborations with universities and research institutes
- Relevance and quality of scientific publications
- Extent of supervision experience, including managing research programmes in academic, research or other institutions
- Quality of oral and written communication skills in English
- Extent and relevance of academic 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**

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**TO APPLY: Carefully read and follow the **Guidelines to applicants****

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