



## FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS

<b>Job Posting Title:</b>	<b>CONSULTANT – Food and Agricultural Prices</b>
<b>Division/Department:</b>	FAO Statistics Division (ESS)
<b>Location:</b>	Rome, Italy
<b>Deadline for Applications:</b>	<b>12 JUNE 2012</b>
<b>Duration:</b>	11 months

### DEPARTMENT DESCRIPTION

FAO Statistics Division collects, processes and disseminates food and agriculture statistics through its corporate database FAOSTAT. The Economic and Environment Statistics Team is in charge of the agricultural producer prices, food consumer price indices, cost of production and other economic datasets and indicators.

### DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the supervision of the Deputy Director ESS and the Economic and Environment Statistics Team Leader, the Consultant will plan and carry out the collection and compilation of data/information on monthly and annual food and agricultural prices, price indices, and other economic statistics. In particular, the consultant will:

- Plan and carry out the collection and compilation of data/information on monthly and annual agricultural producer prices and indices:
  - Check incoming questionnaires quality; Calculate estimates for missing annual producer price data; Review prices data from other international agencies such as ILO to ascertain veracity of producer price data sent to FAO by national sources;
  - Run data quality validation routines and validate the annual agricultural producer prices and develop quality validation routines for monthly agricultural producer prices;
  - Prepare draft technical notes/documents on prices statistics;
  - Compile detailed metadata from available questionnaires on agricultural producer prices and develop a structure to share and disseminate the information in FAOSTAT;
  - Contribute to updating methodological guidelines in the collection and compilation of producer price statistics and advise countries on these methods in collaboration with the CountrySTAT Project;
  - Calculate and validate annual agricultural producer price indices for dissemination in FAOSTAT;
  - Guide and supervise clerical staff and interns working on price statistics;
- Compile, up-date and disseminate Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and Food CPI information in FAOSTAT:
  - Update CPI and Food CPI series in FAOSTAT and country level statistical metadata. Contribute to the periodic analytical summaries of the series;
  - Compile detailed food expenditure weights for the Food CPI series from the national statistical offices websites and questionnaires to countries. Develop a structure to store the information in FAOSTAT;
- Contribute to the development of an Input Prices Domain in FAOSTAT and to the collection of data on prices paid by farmers for inputs to agricultural production for all variable and fixed costs of production:
- Travel and participate in meetings held by FAO, other international organisations or countries with specific price/economic statistics needs as required;
- Respond to user queries related to price data in FAOSTAT.

### ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Advanced university degree in Statistics, Econometrics, Economics or related fields.
- Two years of relevant experience in national or international organizations in the collection, compilation or analysis of statistics
- Demonstrated ability to compile, validate and analyse food and agriculture statistics
- Fluency in English, French or Spanish and a limited knowledge of one of the other two languages

**ADDITIONAL DETAILS**

The honorarium is commensurate with the level of job responsibilities and qualifications of the specialist. The Organization does not reimburse for national income tax levied and paid on the honorarium.

Applications from qualified candidates will be retained for a period of one year from the receipt of application. During that period qualified candidates will be contacted whenever the need for a particular expertise and skills arises. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted for an interview.

**HOW TO APPLY**

To apply: visit the iRecruitment website at: <http://www.fao.org/employment/irecruitment-access/en/> and complete the on-line application.

In order for your candidature to be properly evaluated, please ensure to complete the on-line application in all sections.