



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

**PROFESSIONAL VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT N°: IRC2104**

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**Deadline For Application: 18 September 2012**

<b>POSITION TITLE:</b>	<b>Junior Professional Officer (Agribusiness)</b>	<b>GRADE LEVEL:</b>	<b>P-1</b>
<b>ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:</b>	<b>Subregional Office for Southern Africa (SFS)</b>	<b>DUTY STATION:</b>	<b>Harare, Zimbabwe</b>
		<b>DURATION *:</b>	<b>Fixed Term: 2 years</b>
		<b>POST CODE/N°:</b>	<b>Unidentified</b>
		<b>CCOG CODE:</b>	<b>1.E</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 supervision of the Assistant Director-General (ADG/RAF), the FAO Subregional Coordinator for Southern Africa, and the direct supervision of the SFS Senior Technical Officer (Policy), the Junior Professional Officer will provide technical assistance on small and medium agro-enterprise development. In particular, the incumbent will:

- review and sustain methodologies and guidelines for small and medium agro-enterprise development and management;
- contribute to the production and delivery of guidance materials for developing value chains and strengthening producer-market linkages;
- review technical documents and provide inputs to member states undertaking value chain analysis and value chain additions in different sectors and enterprises;
- review and analyze strategy papers for processing technology development options and dissemination;
- contribute to the preparation and delivery of training materials on agro-enterprise development and marketing;
- liaise with the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) and other regional economic communities within SFS on agribusiness related activities;
- draft technical reports, design and, organize workshops and training courses;
- analyze field project formulation and preparation;
- perform other related duties as required.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS**

*Candidates should meet the following:*

- Advanced university degree in agriculture economics or economics or field related to the work of the Organization
- One year of relevant experience in agribusiness, agriculture economics and/or economics
- 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:*

- Relevant experience in agribusiness related issues in Southern Africa
- Ability to plan and organize own work, deliver results and meet deadlines
- Ability to work effectively within a team, supporting others, and fostering a positive team environment
- Commitment to continual improvement of knowledge, skills and abilities
- Ability to write clear and concise technical documents
- Excellent oral and written communication skills

*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**

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<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.*

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