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Deadline For Application: 26 September 2012

POSITION TITLE:	Senior Economist (Food Security)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-5
		DUTY STATION:	Bangkok, Thailand
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific	DURATION *:	Fixed Term: 3 years
	RAP	POST CODE/N°:	C/0125156
		CCOG CODE:	1E02

**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 duty stations within the region depending on the evolving needs of the Organization.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the overall supervision of the Assistant Director-General/Regional Representative for Asia and the Pacific, RAP, and the functional guidance of the Director of ESA, the incumbent will work as a member of a RAP multidisciplinary team. The incumbent will also contribute to strengthening partnership and knowledge networks within and outside the Organization, supporting country-level actions guided by FAO's Country Programme Framework (CPF), as well as increasing South-South and triangular cooperation. In particular, the incumbent will:

- support country-level actions guided by FAO's Country Programming Frameworks (CPFs), subregional and regional priority frameworks and higher-level strategic frameworks of the Organization in order to transform FAO's knowledge products into country-level results and impacts;
- lead and participate in reviews and analyses of the food security and agricultural situation in the region, in close collaboration with the other technical officers in RAP, and prepare regular updates on the emerging trends affecting food security and agriculture as well as rural development to inform member countries and other stakeholders in the region;
- lead the preparation of the biennial publication (for the Asia-Pacific Regional Conferences) on the State of Food and Agriculture in Asia and the Pacific, that identifies the main medium and long-term issues facing food and agriculture and rural development in the region; lead and participate in policy analysis examining production, distribution, trade and consumption issues, and contribute to the framework for the development of integrated and sustainable national and regional food security strategies in member states and regional economic bodies;
- provide advisory services in the formulation of national food security strategies, policies, programmes and projects, including response to requests for technical contributions on food security-related issues generated by regional fora;
- contribute to the implementation of the corporate strategy on Information Systems for Food and Nutrition Security;
- lead and contribute to technical advice in the formulation and backstopping of FAO's Field Programme in the area of food security and socioeconomic analysis of food policy in the region
- lead and/or participate in field missions, seminars, and workshops to support the above work in the region;
- represent FAO at official and working level meetings related to agricultural and rural development, or food security;
- perform other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced university degree in economics or agricultural economics
- Ten years of relevant experience in socio-economic analysis and data management relating to food and agricultural issues (Ph.D. may substitute for two years of required experience)
- Working knowledge of English and limited knowledge of one of the other official languages of FAO (Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian, Spanish)

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent and relevance of experience in food security analysis and food policy formulation in developing countries, especially in the Asia and the Pacific region
- Extent of experience in socio-economic research, including publication of studies or reports on key issues relating to food security challenges at country, regional and/or global levels
- Extent of field experience in food security programmes, project formulation and impact evaluation
- Demonstrated ability to plan, organize, participate in and/or lead team work, Relevance and level of academic qualifications in economics or agricultural economics
- Excellent communications skills, both oral and in written

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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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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