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Deadline For Application: 29 October 2012

POSITION TITLE:	ECONOMIST (Food Security Assessment and Early Warning)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-3
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Trade and Markets Division, EST Economic and Social Development Department, ES	DUTY STATION:	Rome, Italy
		DURATION *:	Fixed-Term: 2 years
		POST CODE/N°:	C/0088935
		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**

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the overall guidance of the Director, EST, and the direct supervision of the Senior Economist, and as a member of one or more task teams, will be responsible for the planning and preparation of analytical appraisals of the current and prospective food situation in assigned region and countries. In particular, the incumbent will:

- carry out analysis on food security and vulnerability-related issues in the region and countries of assignment;
- monitor continuously, the crop and food security situation in the region and countries of assignment, analysing all types of information bearing on food production, trade, stocks, demand and prices;
- contribute to Global Information and Early Warning System (GIEWS)' analysis and regular reports;
- prepare special alerts/reports for issuance to the international community on specific food problem situations which may require international assistance;
- participate in crop and food Security assessment missions to countries facing impending food crisis;
- build and support networks at country and regional levels to assure the regular flow of food security related information to GIEWS, and provide technical support on crop and food security monitoring and assessment methods;
- perform other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced University degree in economics or agricultural economics
- Five years of relevant experience in economic analysis related to food and agriculture sectors (Ph.D. or equivalent degree may substitute for two years of required experience)
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish with a 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 experience in economic analysis related to food security issues in developing countries
- Good communication skills, both orally and in writing
- Extent and level of knowledge of development and food security issues
- Extent and level of knowledge of relevant food security information systems and methods

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 application to be properly evaluated, please ensure that all sections of the on-line application are completed.

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