



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

**PROFESSIONAL VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT N°: IRC2141**

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Deadline For Application: **12 December 2012**

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<b>POSITION TITLE:</b>	<b>Economist</b> (Commodities)	<b>GRADE LEVEL:</b>	<b>P-3</b>
<b>ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:</b>	<b>Trade and Markets Division, EST</b> Economic and Social Development Department, ES	<b>DUTY STATION:</b>	<b>Rome</b>
		<b>DURATION *:</b>	<b>Fixed Term: 2 years</b>
		<b>POST CODE/N°:</b>	<b>0090743/0090840/0089761</b>
		<b>CCOG CODE:</b>	<b>1E02</b>

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**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**

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**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

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Under the overall direction of the Division Director and the direct supervision of the Senior Economist concerned, and as a member of one or more task teams, will perform economic analysis of agricultural markets, trade and policies. In particular, the incumbent will:

- prepare analytical papers on the current situation, short and medium term outlook for supply, demand, trade and prices;
- prepare analytical and policy-oriented studies/reports on national and international market developments, marketing arrangements and national and international policies;
- analyse and disseminate market information and develop and maintain databases on markets;
- prepare, assist and advise, as required, in the formulation and implementation of technical assistance and development projects and provide technical backstopping;
- develop and maintain contacts with international and national, public and private institutions for general coordination and exchange of information, including by networking through electronic means;
- contribute to the preparation and servicing of intergovernmental meetings on commodities covered by the Division;
- perform other related duties as required

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS**

*Candidates should meet the following:*

- Advanced degree in Economics or Agricultural Economics
- Five years of experience in economic research and policy analysis, (Ph. D. or equivalent degree may substitute for two years of the required experience)
- Working knowledge of English and a limited knowledge of one of the other official languages

**SELECTION CRITERIA**

*Candidates will be assessed against the following:*

- Relevance and extent of experience in analysing agricultural commodity markets, trade and policies
- Extent of knowledge of food security issues
- Quality of written and oral communication skills
- Knowledge of computer applications, including data processing and analysis skills relevant for use in statistical work
- Working knowledge of other FAO official languages

*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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