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POSITION TITLE:	Agribusiness Officer (Agribusiness and Agro-Industry Strategies and Policies)	GRADE LEVEL: P-3
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Rural Infrastructure and Agro-Industries Division (AGS) Agriculture and Consumer Protection Department	DUTY STATION: Rome, Italy DURATION *: Fixed Term: 2 years
		POST CODE/N°: 1046748 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 supervision of the Director, AGS, and the direct supervision of a Senior Officer, will participate in the development and implementation of programme and policy activities relating to agribusiness and agro-industries development. In particular, the incumbent will:

- analyse technical and policy issues, strategies and programmes to support the development, competitiveness, inclusiveness and improved impacts of agribusiness and agro-industries in developing regions; assist FAO Members through reviews and provision of technical advice;
- participate in developing information materials, technical papers and guidelines relating to agribusiness and agro-industries development on topics such as agro-industrial, sub-sector and food system strategy development; business enabling environments; business planning and appraisal; contracts and contract farming, institutional strengthening, and public-private platforms and partnerships;
- appraise capacity building needs relating to the development, competitiveness, inclusiveness and improved impacts of agribusiness and agro-industries; assist in developing training material and participate in the conduct of training courses;
- participate in the design and implementation of programmes and projects relating to agribusiness and agro-industries development, and the agribusiness and private sector development aspects of agricultural and rural development programmes and projects; as requested, provide technical backstopping to field projects;
- contribute to the collection and dissemination of data and information related to agribusiness, agro-industries and food systems trends, approaches and impacts, including lessons and good practices; support global learning, exchange of information and data through the Internet and other mechanisms;
- prepare and participate in technical meetings;
- develop and maintain contacts with other organizations, associations and private sector firms working on agribusiness and agro-industries in developing regions;
- perform other related duties, as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced University Degree in Agribusiness, Agricultural Economics with specialized courses in Agribusiness or in Business Administration, with a University Degree in agricultural economics or an agricultural field
- Five years of relevant experience in the area of agribusiness or in agricultural development with responsibilities and activities relating to agribusiness or agribusiness research
- 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:

- Level and relevance of academic qualifications relating to agribusiness
- Relevance and diversity of agribusiness, agro-industries and food systems experience, including extent of experience in developing regions and working with the private sector
- Capacity to analyse trends, constraints, policies, institutions and services relating to agribusiness, agro-industries and food systems in developing regions
- Extent of experience in producing technical papers and training materials
- Extent and relevance of experience of project formulation and technical backstopping
- Quality of communication skills on technical issues

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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