



POSITION TITLE:	Agribusiness Officer (Enterprise Development)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-4
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Rural Infrastructure and Agro-Industries Division Agricultural and Consumer Protection Department	DUTY STATION:	Rome, Italy
		DURATION *:	Fixed Term: 2 years
		POST CODE/N°:	0066648
		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 provide technical support to programme and policy activities relating to the development and competitiveness of small and medium agricultural enterprises. In particular, the incumbent will:

- identify and analyse technical and policy issues, strategies and programmes related to agro-enterprise development and competitiveness, including procurement practices, product development and branding, quality and safety management, operational efficiency, forward and backward value chain linkages, access to appropriate services, support institutions and responsible business practices; advise FAO Members through reviews and provision of technical advice;
- develop technical documents, training materials and information materials related to the above issues for discussion, awareness raising, advocacy and publication;
- design and support implementation of programmes and projects relating to small and medium agricultural enterprises, value chains and food systems in developing, emerging and transition economies; provide technical backstopping to field projects;
- appraise capacity development needs for improving the management and competitiveness of small- and medium-scale agro-enterprises, including capacity development on policies, strategies, programmes and services targeted to public, private and non-profit service providers; advise and assist member countries and other stakeholders in capacity development;
- act as focal point for the collection and dissemination of data and information related to small and medium agricultural enterprises and the developmental challenges and opportunities related to these enterprises, including information relating to these enterprises in value chain and food systems development strategies, policies and programmes;
- develop and maintain contacts with other organizations, associations and private sector firms working on small and medium agro-enterprise development; develop and support informal networks for exchange of information, lessons and good practices;
- perform other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced university degree in agribusiness, business management, agricultural economics, or development economics, or in a related field
- Seven years of professional experience in agricultural or rural development with responsibilities and activities relating to agricultural enterprise or agricultural value chains development
- 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 business management, enterprise management, and agricultural sector development
- Relevance and diversity of experience in agricultural enterprise and value chain development; including extent of experience in developing countries working with small- and medium-scale enterprises, private sector agri-food companies, and related public, private and non-profit service providers
- Depth of knowledge of and capacity to analyse trends, constraints, policies, institutions and services relating to small and medium agricultural enterprises, value chains and food systems in developing countries
- Extent and relevance of experience in producing technical papers and training materials
- Extent and relevance of experience in 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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