



POSITION TITLE:	Economist (Agribusiness)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-4
		DUTY STATION:	Rome
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Near East, North Africa, Europe, Central and South Asia Service, TCIN	DURATION *:	Fixed Term: 2 years
	Investment Centre Division (TCI)	POST CODE/N°:	0418943
	Technical Cooperation Department (TC)	CCOG CODE:	1E

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

The Investment Centre Division (TCI) is a large, multidisciplinary division composed of three regionally focused teams, a Global Environmental Facility (GEF) Support Unit and a Capacity Development Unit. The development of FAO's five Strategic Objectives and the recent reform of the Technical Cooperation Department of which TCI is a constituting unit, have provided a renewed focus to TCI towards investment support for agriculture, rural development, food security, nutrition and resilience, expanded capacity development initiatives, sourcing and integration of FAO's country knowledge and normative products in investment preparation, as well as increasing opportunities for partnerships. In close collaboration with FAO decentralized offices, TCI directly assists governments and international financing institutions (IFIs) with the strategic planning and implementation of their investments in agriculture and rural development, and food and nutrition security (ARDFS), aiming to ensure a stronger food and nutrition security focus.

Under the overall supervision of the Director, TCI, and the supervision of the Chief, Europe, Near East, North Africa, Central and South Asia Service, TCIN, the incumbent will contribute to agribusiness-related assignments undertaken mainly under the FAO/EBRD (European Bank for Reconstruction and Development) cooperation, primarily in the southern and eastern Mediterranean (SEMED) region. In particular, the incumbent will:

- perform the analysis of selected agricultural sectors/food chains, including food security and food safety issues and assess the feasibility of agribusiness investment projects;
- analyse the constraints and opportunities related to agribusiness investment options with emphasis on the functionality of markets, support services, trade policies, market institutions and organizations, risk management systems and private sector engagement;
- identify and analyse agribusiness investment-related policy issues;
- organise and facilitate discussions on agribusiness investment-related policy issues involving representatives of the private and public sector, with a view to reach consensus on improved policies;
- provide technical assistance and advice to agribusiness investment projects in the field of marketing;
- support the development and implementation of capacity development activities in favour of private and public stakeholders in the areas of agribusiness, marketing and food chain development;
- assist in defining the scope of new assignments under the FAO/EBRD cooperation or similar partnership with other IFIs;
- assist in organizing field missions and ensure the quality of outputs;
- perform other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced university degree in economics, agricultural economics, agribusiness or a closely related field
- Seven years of relevant experience in the design or implementation of agribusiness investment operations or technical assistance projects, including the elaboration of agribusiness investment feasibility studies/food chain analyses/agricultural market studies
- Working knowledge of English and French

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent of experience in participating in multidisciplinary teams involved in agribusiness investment or technical assistance projects, in particular in the context of international financing institutions (IFIs) programmes
- Extent of experience in a range of agribusiness-related activities such as sector reviews, food chain analyses, feasibility studies, etc.
- Extent and relevance of experience in working with private agribusiness companies
- Experience in dealing with senior government officials, development partners and project beneficiaries in the context of agribusiness investment operations
- Good communications skills, both oral and in writing
- Relevance of experience in working in different geographical contexts, and familiarity with the Southern and Eastern Mediterranean (SEMED) region
- Working knowledge of languages applicable to the specific region of assignment is an asset

N.B. Willingness to travel frequently to developing countries and/or countries in transition

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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