



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

PROFESSIONAL VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT N°: IRC2250*

Issued on: **15 January 2013**

Deadline For Application: **22 February 2013**

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| POSITION TITLE: | Senior Economist (Trade Policy) | GRADE LEVEL: | P-5 |
| | | DUTY STATION: | Accra, Ghana |
| ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: | Regional Office for Africa (RAF) | DURATION *: | Fixed Term: 2 years |
| | | POST CODE/N°: | 0091855 |
| | | 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
The incumbent may be re-assigned to different duty stations within the region depending on the evolving needs of the Organization

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the supervision of the ADG/Regional Representative for Africa, RAF and the functional guidance of the Director, Trade and Markets Division, EST, the incumbent will advise on the planning and delivery of trade policy support to member countries and subregional economic integration organizations in the region. The incumbent will also contribute to strengthening partnership and knowledge networks within and outside the Organization, supporting country-level actions guided by FAO's Country Programme Framework (CPF) as well as increasing South-South and triangular cooperation. In particular, the incumbent will:

- Support country-level actions guided by FAO's Country Programming Frameworks (CPFs), subregional and regional priority frameworks and higher-level strategic frameworks of the Organization in order to transform FAO's knowledge products into country-level results and impacts;
- Ensure that all policies and programmes supporting FAO's gender equality policy are implemented in FAO's field programme of the region / subregion;
- Ensure that gender equality and women's empowerment issues are addressed, monitored and reported on for all narrative and field activities.
- Plan and conduct analyses on agricultural trade policy issues for the region, including assessments of impacts of existing and proposed trade agreements on international trade in agricultural commodities and their impact on food security and the development concerns of countries in the Region, taking into account gender specific concerns that may play a role in such policies and agreements;
- Advise the Regional Representative on the activities related to trade and commodities of the FAO regional programme of work and ensure the implementation of relevant programmes;
- Deliver technical support and capacity development to Member Countries on agricultural trade policy issues, particularly in relation to the multilateral and regional trading systems and trade negotiations at the multilateral, regional and bilateral levels;
- Design, implement and manage commodity and trade policy projects and activities that are cognizant of and build on the comparative advantages of different countries in the region and the different actors operating in the agricultural sector;
- Promote intra-regional trade as a mechanism to ensure national food security and enhance Member Countries' capacities to mitigate the impact of food price shocks;
- Lead and coordinate regional technical meetings, workshops and conferences on commodities, value chain development and trade policy issues, including preparation of background documents and reporting related results; represent FAO at intergovernmental and other meetings as required;
- Foster, strengthen and manage strategic partnerships with Member Countries, regional and sub-regional organizations and economic communities;
- Perform other related duties as required.

This Vacancy Announcement cancels and supersedes Vacancy Announcement No. IRC2047.

Applicants who have already applied for VA IRC2047 must apply to the present vacancy in iRecruitment in order to be considered.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced university degree in agricultural economics or economics preferably at the Ph.D level
- Ten years of relevant experience in agricultural trade and trade policy analysis, including working experience in the Region
- Working knowledge of English and French

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Relevance of academic qualifications
- Extent of analytical experience on agricultural trade policy issues, including analysis of the impact of trade agreements
- Depth of knowledge of the problems of African agriculture, commodity, trade policy issues and of multilateral and regional trade negotiations and agreements
- Extent of experience in the design and management of agricultural trade policy projects
- Extent of experience in managing multidisciplinary and multicultural teams
- Demonstrated ability in communicating and working with senior government officials
- Depth of knowledge of quantitative techniques and their application to analysis of trade and market/commodity related 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**

REMUNERATION

A competitive compensation and benefits package is offered. For information on UN salaries, allowances and benefits, click on the following link: <http://icsc.un.org/>

To apply: visit the iRecruitment website at
<http://www.fao.org/employment/irecruitment-access/>

and complete the on-line application

In order for your candidature to be properly evaluated, please ensure to complete the on-line application in all sections.

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