



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

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Deadline For Application: 12 February 2013

POSITION TITLE:	Statistician	GRADE LEVEL:	P-3
		DUTY STATION:	Rome, Italy
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Statistics Division, ESS	DURATION *:	Fixed Term: 2 years
	Economic and Social Development Department	POST CODE/N°:	C/0094188
		CCOG CODE:	1M02

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 general supervision of the Director, ESS, and as a member of one or more task teams, the incumbent will guide the methodological work relating to the improvement of FAO's Supply/Utilization Accounts (SUA) and Food Balance Sheets (FBS). In particular, the incumbent will:

- provide economic and econometric analyses to improve the various forms of utilization in the SUAs; guide work on new standardization/aggregation, validation and imputation methods using advanced computational algorithms;
- actively contribute to the practical work of updating and extending FBS/SUA balances;
- explore and implement new approaches to raising the FBS/SUA workflow and process efficiency, including the rapid update and extension of FBS and SUA time series;
- design and implement quality assurance frameworks in FAOSTAT, focusing on the SUA/FBS system;
- enhance the presentation and accessibility of FAOSTAT data and address the needs of users for further statistical and economic analysis;
- engage in the preparation and support of, and attend and give presentations at intergovernmental and international meetings;
- design and implement capacity development programmes for the application of the SUA/FBS framework at the country level;
- perform other duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced University degree in statistics, economics, agricultural economics, or related field
- Five years of relevant experience in the compilation and analysis of food and agricultural statistics in national or international organizations (a Ph. D. or equivalent may substitute for two years of required experience)
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two, or Arabic, Chinese, or Russian

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent and relevance of experience in the compilation and analysis of food and agricultural statistics in national or international organizations
- Demonstrated ability to undertake economic and econometric analyses using econometric tools and statistical software packages (e.g. "R", GAMS, STATA, SAS)
- Proven ability to conduct independent research under minimal supervision, present statistics materials lucidly and effectively and produce high quality research papers
- Proven ability to deliver high quality outputs within deadlines
- Demonstrated capacity to work effectively in multidisciplinary teams
- Extent of training in quantitative methods

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

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To apply: visit the iRecruitment website at

<http://www.fao.org/employment/irecruitment-access/en/>

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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