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POSITION TITLE:	Economist	GRADE LEVEL:	P-3
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Africa Service, TCIA	DUTY STATION:	Rome
	Investment Centre Division, TCI Technical Cooperation Department, TC	DURATION *:	Fixed term: 1 year (with possibility of extension)
		POST CODE/N°:	Unidentified
		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) promotes investment in agriculture and rural development in developing countries and countries in transition, assisting governments, international financing institutions (IFIs) and other development partners with the strategic planning and implementation of their investments operations to achieve growth, poverty alleviation and food and nutrition security.

Under the overall guidance of the Director, TCI, and the supervision of the Chief, Africa Service (TCIA), as member of a multidisciplinary team, the incumbent will be responsible for financial and economic aspects of agricultural and rural development operations. In particular , the incumbent will:

- assist in the identification and preparation of investment projects and programmes;
- establish the feasibility of the proposals through studying market prospects, prices, costs and risks, and carrying out financial and economic analysis;
- evaluate performance of investment projects or programmes during implementation, and their impact after completion;
- review investment implications of agricultural and rural development policies and national plans and programmes for poverty alleviation, food security and climate change;
- implement capacity building activities for private and public stakeholders on project preparation, appraisal and implementation and other related topics;
- interact with government officials, development partners and beneficiaries to facilitate exchange of critical information and validate the findings and recommendations regarding the investment proposals;
- perform other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced university degree in Economics, Agricultural Economics, or Natural Resources Economics, or a closely related field
- Five years of relevant working experience in the practical application of economic analysis to development issues, including in the identification and preparation of investment operations in agricultural and rural development in developing countries and/or countries in transition
- Working knowledge of English or French and limited knowledge of the other

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent and relevance of experience in participating in multidisciplinary teams for formulating agricultural and rural development investment operations
- Extent and relevance of experience in implementation support, monitoring and evaluation and impact assessment of investment operations
- Relevance of experience in capacity development in the field of investment operations in agricultural and rural development
- Experience in dealing with government officials, development partners and beneficiaries in the context of investment operations
- Good communication skills, both oral and in writing
- Relevance of work experience in Africa
- Working knowledge of both English and French; knowledge of Portuguese is considered an asset

N.B. Willingness to travel frequently to developing countries and/or countries in transition and for geographic mobility reassessments

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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