



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

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**Deadline For Application: 08 October 2013**

<b>POSITION TITLE:</b>	<b>Economist</b>	<b>GRADE LEVEL:</b>	<b>P-3</b>
<b>ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:</b>	<b>Europe, Central Asia, Near East, North Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean Service, TCIC</b>	<b>DUTY STATION:</b>	<b>Rome</b>
	Investment Centre Division, TCI	<b>DURATION *:</b>	<b>Fixed term: 2 years</b>
	Technical Cooperation Department	<b>POST CODE/N°:</b>	<b>0631639</b>
		<b>CCOG CODE:</b>	<b>1E</b>

**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 activities and/or duty stations depending on the evolving needs of the Organization.**

**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 to achieve growth, poverty alleviation, food security and nutrition goals.

Under the overall supervision of the Director, TCI, and the supervision of the Chief, Europe, Central Asia, Near East, North Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean Service (TCIC), the incumbent, as a member of a multidisciplinary team, will be responsible for financial and economic aspects of agricultural and rural development investment operations. In particular, the incumbent will:

- assist in the identification and preparation of investment projects and programmes;
- establish the feasibility of investment 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, nutrition, and climate change adaptation and mitigation;
- provide backstopping in the implementation of technical cooperation projects under the FAO and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) cooperative programme;
- participate in the analysis of agricultural subsectors and agribusiness value chains in the context of the FAO/EBRD cooperative programme;
- implement capacity building activities for private and public sector stakeholders on investment project/programme preparation, appraisal and implementation, and other related topics;
- interact with government officials, staff of development partners and country level stakeholders to facilitate exchange of critical information and validate findings and recommendations regarding the investment proposals;
- perform other related duties as required.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS**

*Candidates should meet the following:*

- 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 Russian and limited knowledge of the other language

**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 in developing countries or countries in transition, specifically carrying out financial and economic analysis
- Extent and relevance of experience in implementation support, monitoring and evaluation and impact assessment of investment operations
- Extent of familiarity with the investment preparation, appraisal and supervision procedures of FAO's main development partners, namely the World Bank (WB), EBRD and the International Fund for Agriculture and Development (IFAD)
- Relevance of experience in capacity development in the field of investment operations in agricultural and rural development;
- experience in dealing with government officials, staff of development partners and stakeholders in the context of investment operations
- Good communication skills, both oral and in writing, including demonstrated capacity to write technical reports in English and Russian
- Relevance of work experience in Europe, Central Asia, Near East and North Africa
- Working knowledge of French 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*

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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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