Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

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Deadline For Application: **10 January 2014**

POSITION TITLE:	**Junior Professional Officer (Economist)**	**GRADE LEVEL:**	**P-1**
		DUTY STATION:	**Cairo, Egypt**
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	**Regional Office for the Near East and North Africa (RNE)**	**DURATION *:**	**Fixed Term:2 years**
		POST CODE/N°:	**unidentified**
		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 activities and/or duty stations depending on the evolving needs of the Organization.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the overall guidance of the Assistant Director-General/Regional Representative for the Near East and North Africa (RNE), and the direct supervision of the Senior Policy Officer, the incumbent will contribute to the achievement of FAO's Strategic Objective "Increase and improve provision of goods and services from agriculture, forestry and fisheries in a sustainable manner" with focus on RNE's work on policy and institutional aspects of natural resources management. In particular, the incumbent will:

- contribute to the provision of technical inputs and on national and regional policies and strategies affecting food security, agricultural development, poverty reduction and rural development, with a focus on sustainable natural resource management;
- collect data and information for the identification, formulation, appraisal and backstopping of regional programmes and projects in areas of FAO's mandate, with a particular focus on natural resource management;
- contribute to field programme development in the region from project idea through formulation, approval and funding;
- assist in monitoring key developments in countries of the region and keep updated their information for use in Country Briefs and analytical work with particular attention to food security and rural development issues, interacting and exchanging information with the policy officers in the region and participating in the elaboration of country economic and agricultural sector profiles;
- assist in providing advice to all FAO decentralized offices in the formulation/revision of the Country Programming Frameworks and related action programmes;
- assist in providing technical support for enhancing FAO strategic partnerships and member countries in the analysis and formulation of policies, strategies and programmes for sustainable agriculture, rural development and food security and for associated capacity-building;
- contribute to the support to FAO decentralized offices in the region in prioritization of FAO technical cooperation themes and participation in in-country national and multilateral strategies and processes such as those led by the International Financing Institutions (Poverty Reduction Strategy) and the United Nations (Common Country Assessment UN Development Assistance Framework, Millennium Development Goals);
- contribute in ensuring that all policies and programmes supporting FAO's gender equality policy are implemented in FAO's field programme of the region/sub-region;
- perform any other duty as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced university degree in economics, agricultural economics, development economics related fields
- One year of work experience in experience in conducting economic analysis of food security and agriculture related issues
- Working knowledge of English, French or Arabic and limited knowledge of one of the other two, or Spanish, Chinese or Russian

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Familiarity with the key economic and policy issues in the region relating to food security and agricultural and rural development and experience in conducting economic analysis relating to natural resources management
- Ability to plan and organize own work, deliver results and meet deadlines
- Ability to work effectively within a team, supporting others, and fostering a positive team environment
- Commitment to continual improvement of knowledge, skills and abilities
- Excellent oral and written communication skills

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

If you need help, or have queries, please contact: iRecruitment@fao.org

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