



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

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Deadline For Application: 10 January 2014

POSITION TITLE:	Junior Professional Officer (Agricultural Economist)	GRADE LEVEL:	P1
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Subregional Office for the Caribbean, SLC	DUTY STATION:	Bridgetown, Barbados
		DURATION *:	Fixed Term: 2 years
		POST CODE/N°:	unidentified
		CCOG CODE:	1.E.02

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 direct supervision of the Sub-Regional Coordinator, the incumbent will be travelling to other Caribbean countries, collecting information, producing analytical studies, conducting consultations and preparing Draft Reports to contribute to the SLC program of work. In particular, the incumbent will:

- support in-depth analysis and critical reviews of the state of food and agriculture in Caribbean as the basis for advising on priority evidence-based food and agricultural policies and actions, and institutional, legal and regulatory reforms needed to drive the agricultural transformation agenda and rural development;
- provide economic analysis support to FAO national and regional Food and Nutrition Security Policies and Action Plans teams - made up of leading experts from universities, civil society, private sectors, public agencies, and policy think tanks and across Caribbean - to develop intervention strategies to drive the food and agricultural transformation agenda;
- provide analytical support for the determination of the economic impacts of agricultural policies on agricultural producers and consumers and how to sequence policy and institutional reforms to ensure successful implementation of the food and nutrition security transformation action plans;
- support the development of a clear policy advocacy action plan to effectively communicate the policy directions to drive the agricultural transformation agenda;
- support the building of strong policy advocacy networks for the successful implementation of food and nutrition security policies and action plans, through creating awareness and effectively communicating the Transformation Agenda to non-state actors, and ensuring that stakeholders are adequately informed of the relevant programmes;
- support the monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of the various food and nutrition security policies and action plans;
- support the preparation of policy briefs on issues of importance at the national and regional levels, policy briefs for the Food and Nutrition Security Councils and other relevant stakeholders;
- support the development and deepening of the internal policy institutional capacity within and outside of FAO;
- perform other duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced university degree in economics or agricultural economics or related fields
- One year of relevant experience in micro economy (farm analysis), agricultural policy (formulation, evaluation), statistics-quantitative analysis, project management, agricultural development or , sustainable development
- 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:

- Experience in food and agricultural development, food and nutrition security policy preferably in developing countries
- 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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If you need help, or have queries, please contact: iRecruitment@fao.org

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

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