



**Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations**  
**PROFESSIONAL VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT N°: IRC2450**

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**Deadline For Application: 10 January 2014**

<b>POSITION TITLE:</b>	<b>Junior Professional Officer (Agribusiness in Small Island Developing States)</b>	<b>GRADE LEVEL:</b> P-1
<b>ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:</b>	<b>Subregional Office for the Pacific Islands, SAP</b>	<b>DUTY STATION:</b> Apia, Samoa
		<b>DURATION *:</b> Fixed Term: 2 years
		<b>POST CODE/N°:</b> unidentified
		<b>CCOG CODE:</b> 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 supervision of the Sub-regional Representative for the Pacific and the direct supervision of the Policy Officer, SAP, the incumbent will assist in the development and implementation of programme and policy activities relating to agribusiness development in the Pacific. In particular, the incumbent will:

- analyse technical and policy issues, strategies and programmes to support the development, competitiveness, inclusiveness and improved impacts of agribusiness in the Pacific region; assist the SAP Policy Officer with support to FAO Members through reviews and provision of technical advice;
- compile background information and draft information materials, technical papers and guidelines relating to agribusiness development on topics such as agro-industrial, sub-sector and food system strategy development, business enabling environments, business planning and appraisal, contracts and contract farming, institutional strengthening, and public-private platforms and partnerships;
- appraise, in collaboration with Officers, capacity building needs relating to the development, competitiveness, inclusiveness and improved impacts of agribusiness in the Pacific; developing training material and conduct of training courses;
- facilitate the design and implementation of programmes and projects relating to agribusiness development, and the agribusiness and private sector development aspects of agricultural and rural development programmes and projects; as appropriate, provide technical backstopping to field projects;
- collect and disseminate data and information related to agribusiness, food systems trends, approaches and impacts, including lessons and good practices; support regional learning, exchange of information and data through the Internet and other mechanisms;
- participate in technical meetings;
- develop and maintain contacts with other organizations, associations and private sector firms working on agribusiness in the Pacific region;
- perform other related duties as required.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS**

*Candidates should meet the following:*

- Advanced university degree in development economics, or in agribusiness, or in agricultural economics or related fields
- One year of relevant experience in the area of agribusiness or in agricultural development with responsibilities relating to agribusiness
- 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:*

- Relevance of experience in agribusiness, agro industries, and/or food systems, preferably in developing countries
- Capacity to analyse policies relating to agribusiness in developing regions
- Extent of experience in producing technical papers and training materials
- Ability to communicate on technical matters both orally and in writing

*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

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