



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

**PROFESSIONAL VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT N°: IRC2575**

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**Deadline For Application: 23 July 2014**

<b>POSITION TITLE:</b>	<b>Statistician</b>	<b>GRADE LEVEL:</b>	<b>P-3</b>
<b>ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:</b>	<b>Statistics Division, ESS</b>	<b>DUTY STATION:</b>	<b>Rome</b>
	Economic and Social Development Department, ES	<b>DURATION *:</b>	<b>Fixed Term: 2 years</b>
		<b>POST CODE/N°:</b>	<b>0401420</b>
		<b>CCOG CODE:</b>	<b>1M02</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**

Under the overall guidance of the Director, ESS, and the direct supervision of the Team Leader of the Agri-environmental Statistics Team, the incumbent will contribute to the implementation of the programme of work in environmental statistics in agriculture, including methodology, data collection, validation, dissemination and capacity development. In particular, the incumbent will:

- develop and maintain methods and procedures for the collection, validation, consistency analysis, editing and dissemination of statistics related to agricultural environment statistics with emphasis on data quality, coverage and timeliness;
- contribute to the revision of the methodology for agri-environmental statistics/indicators and agri-environmental accounts and the estimation of various elements contained therein;
- contribute to the development and maintenance of statistical programs/software for the processing and analysis of large, multi-dimensional data sets in agricultural environment statistics ;
- contribute to relevant new procedures, concepts, definitions, standards and statistical methods and conduct analyses and projections related to food and agricultural statistics;
- assist member countries, international organizations and private sector associations to establish agreements for data collection, coordination and exchange;
- coordinate training courses and workshops at the national, regional and international levels to support countries' capacity to disseminate agricultural environment statistics and provide relevant data to international organizations; develop supporting documentation and training materials; participate in missions to countries, as necessary;
- prepare technical papers for discussion and publication;
- contribute to the preparation and support of intergovernmental and international meetings and attend, when requested, on behalf of FAO;
- perform other related duties as required.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS**

*Candidates should meet the following:*

- Advanced University degree in statistics, environmental economics, environmental sciences or closely related field
- Five years of relevant experience in national or international organizations in the collection, compilation, validation and analysis of food and agricultural or environmental statistics (a Ph. D. or equivalent may substitute for two years of required experience)
- Working knowledge of English, French and Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese or Russian

**SELECTION CRITERIA**

*Candidates will be assessed against the following:*

- Extent and relevance of experience in the compilation, validation and analysis of environmental statistics in national or international organizations
- Level of knowledge of the main data sources used for the compilation of environmental statistics
- Extent of experience in the use of statistical software (e.g. R, SAS, STATA, SPSS)
- Excellent analytical, writing and communications skills, and ability to conduct independent research, to prepare papers and documents of a high professional standard and to present statistical materials lucidly and effectively
- Work experience in more than one location or area of work, particularly in field positions is desirable
- Extent of experience in working effectively in multidisciplinary teams
- Relevance and level of academic qualifications

*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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- Candidates are requested to attach a letter of motivation to the online profile.
- Vacancies will be removed from iRecruitment at 23:59 Central European Time (CET) on the deadline for applications date. We encourage applicants to submit the application well before the deadline date.

**In order for your application to be properly evaluated, please ensure that all sections of the online application are completed.**

If you need help, or have queries, please contact: [iRecruitment@fao.org](mailto:iRecruitment@fao.org)

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