



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

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POSITION TITLE:	SENIOR ECONOMIST (Global Perspectives)	GRADE LEVEL:	P5
		DUTY STATION:	Rome
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Agricultural Development Economics Division (ESA)	DURATION *:	Fixed term: two years
	Economic and Social Development Department, ES	POST NUMBER:	0087769
		CCOG CODE:	1.E.02

Qualified female applicants and qualified nationals of non-and under-represented member countries are encouraged to apply.

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.

Organizational Setting

The position is located in the Agricultural Development Economics Division (ESA) and the incumbent will lead the Global Perspectives Team that prepares long-term scenarios for global food and agriculture. These assist in shaping the FAO's Strategic Framework with an emphasis on poverty and nutrition, rural livelihoods, sustainability, and the efficient functioning of markets. The various reports produced by the unit have, over decades, provided a reference for global food and agriculture scenarios around the world and are considered as a de facto benchmark, similar to the demographic projections developed by the UN Population Division. The work of the Global Perspectives team relies on combining sophisticated analytical tools with the specific knowledge of FAO experts, such as in agricultural production, land and water use, nutrition, livestock systems and climate change.

Reporting Lines

The Senior Economist reports to Director, ESA.

Technical Focus

Quantitative economic analysis of global perspectives for food and agriculture.

Key Results

Leadership and conceptual thinking for the development and implementation of comprehensive technical, statistical and/or analytical frameworks to support the programme of work and related products, projects and services in accordance with the FAO Strategic Framework.

Key Functions

- Plans, manages, or leads highly specialized or multi-disciplinary teams, leads, coordinates, and/or participates on Organization-wide, cross-Departmental committees, project teams, and working groups, and/or provides technical leadership/secretariat services on technical networks and/or international technical policy and standard setting bodies;
- Analyzes global and country specific requirements as well as agricultural, economic, social, environmental factors to provide critical input into the FAO Strategic Framework, Programme of Work as well as Detailed Work Plans and the supporting budgets and/or resourcing strategies;
- Implements and monitors work programmes involving the conception and development of comprehensive statistical and/or analytical frameworks including early warning, medium and long term plans and strategies, leading edge tools, methods, systems and databases, critical indicators, and/or policy models, etc.;
- Oversees and reviews data collection, validation, analysis and reporting activities to support the development of technical standards, international instruments, innovation, FAO flagship publications/yearbooks, and/or on-going programme development as well as technical and/or policy advisory services;
- Provides technical and policy advice to Member Countries and technical support to decentralized offices in the development and implementation of their programmes of work;
- Plans, organizes and participates in capacity development activities involving the provision of advice, technical assistance projects, training workshops, seminars, and meetings as well as oversees the development of related materials, on-line tools and information kits;
- Represents the Organization at international/inter-governmental meetings and conferences, advocates strategic partnerships, best practices, and increased policy dialogue and develops and negotiates effective working relationships/consensus and agreements with international and national partners;
- Leads and/or participates in resource mobilization activities in accordance with the Corporate strategy;
- Performs other duties as required.

Specific Functions

- Leads and coordinates the work of an agency-wide task team in support of global perspective studies on food and agriculture, and maintains partnerships with outside organizations working on global perspectives and related issues;
- Coordinates the planning and completion of comprehensive long-term forward-looking assessments of world food and agriculture in cooperation with other technical units in FAO and with outside partners;
- Leads the completion of quantitative economic analyses of a global nature as required for the preparation of policy-oriented documents and reports;

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in economics, agricultural economics or a related field.
- Ten years of relevant experience in economic and quantitative analysis of food and agricultural issues (indicatively: hunger and poverty, natural resource economics, agricultural trade and trade policies, economic projections and forecasting)
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two, or Russian, Arabic or Chinese.

Competencies

- Results Focus
- Leading, Engaging and Empowering
- Communication
- Partnering and Advocating
- Knowledge Sharing and Continuous Improvement
- Strategic Thinking

Technical/Functional Skills

- Extent and relevance of experience in economic and quantitative analysis (particularly with applied models such as partial or general equilibrium models) of food and agricultural development issues
- Relevance and level of academic qualifications (PhD or equivalent degree will count for two years of professional experience)
- Extent of knowledge and/or experience with modelling of global perspectives
- Extent and relevance of publications record
- Work experience in more than one location or area of work, particularly in field positions is essential

Please note that all candidates should adhere to *FAO Values of Commitment to FAO, Respect for All and Integrity and Transparency*.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

All candidates should possess computer/word processing skills.

Evaluation of qualified candidates may include an assessment exercise which will be followed by a competency-based interview. Your application will be screened based on the information provided in your iRecruitment online profile (see “*How to Apply*”). We strongly recommend that you ensure that the information is accurate and complete including employment record, academic qualifications and language skills.

Please note that FAO will only consider academic credentials or degrees obtained from an educational institution recognised in the IAU/UNESCO list.

Other similar positions at the same level may be filled from this vacancy notice and the endorsed candidates will be considered for the Employment Roster for a period of 2 years.

Candidates may be requested to provide performance assessments.

REMUNERATION

A competitive compensation and benefits package is offered. For information on UN salaries, allowances and benefits, click on the following link: <http://icsc.un.org/>

HOW TO APPLY

To apply, visit the iRecruitment website at <http://www.fao.org/employment/irecruitment-access/en/> and complete your online profile. Only applications received through iRecruitment will be considered.

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.

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

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