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POSITION TITLE:	Senior Economist (Macroeconomic Policy, Food Security and Household Welfare)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-5
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Agricultural Development Economics Division, ESA	DUTY STATION:	Rome, Italy
	Economic and Social Development Department, ES	DURATION *:	Fixed-term: 2 years
		POST NUMBER:	0782670
		CCOG CODE:	1L09

* The length of appointment for internal FAO candidates will be established in accordance with applicable policies pertaining to the extension of appointments

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 Agricultural Development Economics Division (ESA) conducts economic research and policy analysis related to all five of the Organization's strategic objectives (food security, sustainable agriculture, poverty reduction, inclusive food systems and resilient livelihoods); ESA provides evidence-based analytical support to national, regional and global policy processes and initiatives related to food security and sustainable agriculture; and leads the production of FAO flagship publication: The State of Food and Agriculture. ESA also leads large programmes at country level on agricultural policy monitoring, climate smart agriculture, agribusiness development, and food security information and analysis in support of national policies.

The post is located in the Agricultural Development Economics Division (ESA).

Reporting Lines

The Senior Economist reports to the Director, ESA.

Technical Focus

This position will lead a programme of work in macro food policy, integrating considerations of domestic and international trade, public expenditure patterns and basic farm and household microeconomics. The work will utilize quantitative economic analysis to provide evidence-based policy support that will help shape and implement FAO's Strategic Framework with an emphasis on poverty reduction, food security and nutrition, and sustainable agriculture and building resilient rural livelihoods. The programme of work is predicated on strategic partnerships with development agencies, donors and national governments.

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.
- Analyses 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.

Specific Functions

- Leads a programme of work in the analysis of food and agricultural policies and their effects on the Sustainable Development Goals and food security at national, regional and international levels;
- Provides backstopping and country-level support in the formulation of national food security strategies and policies, with special attention to impacts on rural employment, household welfare, access to food, and sustainability and resilience of food systems and livelihoods;
- Communicates the results of various analyses to target audiences through a variety of information products, including media interviews, policy briefs, working papers, journal articles and books;
- Contributes to the management and work of the ESA division as a whole, ensuring that the quantitative food policy analysis work is well integrated with other Divisional economic research and policy analysis, as well as with the renewed FAO Strategic Framework;
- Ensures ESA's analytical and methodological work on food security and nutrition is properly contributing to FAO Strategic Framework Results in the Food Security and Nutrition domain, and, in particular, to FAO Strategic Objective 1 on "Contributing to the eradication of hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition" and Strategic Objective 5 on "Increasing resilience of livelihoods to threats and crises".

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in economics, agricultural economics development economics or a related field.
- Ten years of relevant experience in experience in combining economic and quantitative analysis with policy engagement in food policy and agricultural issues.
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese, Russian

Competencies

- Results Focus
- Leading, Engaging and Empowering Others
- Communication
- Partnering and Advocating
- Knowledge Sharing and Continuous Improvement
- Strategic Thinking
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Technical/Functional Skills

- Work experience in more than one location or area of work, particularly in field positions is essential
- Extent and relevance of experience in food policy analysis in developing countries that integrates micro-economic, macro-economic and trade perspectives, as well as insights from other relevant scientific disciplines
- Extent and relevance of experience in combining knowledge generation with policy engagement in food and agricultural development issues in developing countries
- Relevance and level of academic qualifications (PhD or equivalent degree will count for two years of professional experience)
- Extent and relevance of written publication record, including reports, working papers, journal articles, books and short publications for generalist audiences and the media

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://www.un.org/Depts/OHRM/salaries_allowances/salary.htm

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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