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Deadline For Application: **1 March 2016**

POSITION TITLE:	Economist (Market Analyst)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-2
		DUTY STATION:	Rome, Italy
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Trade and Markets Division, EST	DURATION* :	Fixed-term: 2 years
	Economic and Social Development Department, ES	POST NUMBER:	
		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 Trade and Markets Division monitors and analyses trends in international, regional and national agricultural commodity markets, collecting and disseminating comprehensive market and policy information concerning the major traded commodities and those important to food security. It also undertakes forward looking outlook studies. The Division analyses global issues that affect agricultural trade, including policy analysis of trade measures and agreements, and provides technical support and capacity building to member states in all these areas. Through its Global Information and Early Warning Service, the Division is also responsible for FAO's early warnings on food shortfalls. The Division houses the secretariats of the Committee on Commodity Problems (CCP), the Intergovernmental Commodity Groups (IGGs) and the Agricultural Market Information System (AMIS).

The post is located in the Basic Foods Group in the Trade and Markets Division.

Reporting Lines

The Economist (Market Analyst) reports to the Senior Economist (Basic Foods), under the overall guidance of the Division's Director

Technical Focus

Work on Commodity markets, especially dealing with Supply and Demand Balances and policy matters, with special focus on rice

Key Results

Collection, analysis and review of information, data and statistics, and project/meeting services to support programme products, projects, publications, and services

Key Functions

- Collects, reviews/cross checks and/or analyses relevant agricultural, economic, trade, market, social, environmental, nutrition/food composition and/or gender related data, statistics and information to support delivery of programme projects, products, publications and services
- Undertakes analysis, provides technical input for plans and reports and edits/revises technical documents and/or publications
- Participates in the development of improved tools and methodologies
- Updates databases and web pages
- Participates on multi-disciplinary project/work teams
- Participates in the development of training materials and the organization of workshops/seminars etc.
- Participates in the organization, conduct and follow-up of meetings, consultations and conferences, the development/production of required materials and the provision of information and assistance to partners

Specific Functions

- Monitors the supply and demand situations and prospects in individual countries, taking into close consideration and watch the weather patterns, price developments, policies and all other major factors affecting the sector
- Draws monthly estimates and forecasts for production, trade, consumption and stocks for all market players
- Perform aggregations of the supply and demand elements, to obtain world and regional totals, and balance world trade, by ensuring world imports and exports match
- Regularly updates the price databases
- Administers and manage the relevant web pages
- Assists in the preparation of presentations and reports.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in economics, agricultural economics or a related field
- Three years of relevant experience in the analysis of markets, trade and policies
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese, Russian

Competencies

- Results Focus
- Teamwork
- Communication
- Building Effective Relationships
- Knowledge Sharing and Continuous Improvement

Technical/Functional Skills

- Work experience in more than one location or area of work, particularly in field positions is desirable
- Extent and relevance of experience in the construction of commodity supply and demand balance sheets
- Extent and relevance of experience in analysis of commodity markets and policies
- Extent and relevance of knowledge and experience in related fields, such as non-agricultural markets
- Extent and relevance of experience in the preparation, editing and revision of technical/scientific documents and in organizing meetings and workshops

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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