Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

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POSITION TITLE:	**Economist (Medium Term Projections)**	**GRADE LEVEL:**	**P-3**
		DUTY STATION:	**Rome, Italy**
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	**Trade and Markets Division, EST**	**DURATION *:**	**Fixed-term: 2 years**
	Economic and Social Development Department, ES	**POST NUMBER:**	**0089923**
		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 (please insert as relevant)

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), nine Intergovernmental Commodity Groups (IGGs) and the Agricultural Market Information System (AMIS).

The post is located in the Medium-Term Projections Team.

Reporting Lines

The Economist (Medium Term Projections) reports to the Senior Officer: Team Leader, Medium-Term Projections Team, under the overall guidance of the Division's Director.

Technical Focus(optional)

The Economist will contribute to the achievement of FAO's Strategic Framework results and Strategic Objectives, and relevant initiatives and activities. As part of a closely collaborating team, will conduct medium-term commodity projections and assess emerging issues and their impact on global and domestic markets. Produce model based projections and scenarios affecting countries and regions which facilitate better understanding and dialogue on the impacts of emerging issues and policy decisions by governments.

Key Results

Research and analysis of information, data and statistics, and the maintenance and updating of related tools, methodologies, and/or databases to support the delivery of programme products, projects, publications, and services.

Key Functions

- Researches and analyses [agricultural, economic, trade, market, social, environmental, nutrition/food composition and/or gender related] data, statistics and information to provide technical, statistical and/or policy related information and analysis to support the delivery of economic and social development programmes work, products, projects, publications and services.
- Produces a variety of technical reports and input for technical documents, Departmental publications and/or web pages.
- Provides technical, statistical, and/or analytical services on various studies, projects, and/or assessments and provides technical backstopping to field projects.
- Participates in the development of improved/updated technical, statistical and/or analytical tools, methodologies, systems, databases, and/or key social/ economic/ environmental/ nutritional and/or early warning indicators, etc.
- Participates on multi-disciplinary teams, collaborates with other departments and agencies on work groups and committees and promotes best practices.
- Collaborates in capacity development activities involving the planning and organizing of training workshops, seminars, and major meetings and the preparation of related information, materials, on-line tools and information kits.
- Promotes knowledge sharing and best practices at international meetings and conferences and influences partners in stakeholder consultations.
- Participates in resource mobilization activities.

Specific Functions

- Participates in the preparation of medium-term projections of global, regional and national agricultural commodity markets.

- Contributes to the development and maintenance of EST's Commodity Simulation Modelling System (COSIMO) and the preparation of the global database that supports the projections and scenario simulations.
- Undertakes analysis of developments in agricultural commodity markets and their implications for food security.
- Contributes to the preparation and write-up of the OECD-FAO Agricultural Outlook report

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CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in economics, agricultural economics or a closely related field
- Five years of relevant experience in quantitative economic analysis of agricultural markets, and knowledge of quantitative techniques, including simulation modelling
- 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
- Demonstrated experience and knowledge in analysis of commodity markets, simulation models and projections
- Depth of familiarity with relevant economic and quantitative analysis methods, and experience with simulation software and programming languages
- Extent of experience in the analysis and formulation of simulation scenarios in relation to agricultural commodity market issues
- Demonstrated ability to analyze complex commodity market modeling issues
- Ability to participate in the formulation, monitoring and appraisal of commodity development projects
- Ability to prepare analytical and policy relevant special studies concerning trends and prospects of commodity markets

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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

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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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