



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

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Deadline For Application: **1 March 2016**

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| POSITION TITLE:      | <b>Senior Economist (Trade)</b>                                                          | GRADE LEVEL:  | <b>P-5</b>                 |
| ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: | <b>Trade and Markets Division, EST</b><br>Economic and Social Development Department, ES | DUTY STATION: | <b>Rome, Italy</b>         |
|                      |                                                                                          | DURATION *:   | <b>Fixed-term: 2 years</b> |
|                      |                                                                                          | POST NUMBER:  | <b>0090832</b>             |
|                      |                                                                                          | CCOG CODE:    | <b>1L09</b>                |

\* 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).

### Reporting Lines

The Senior Economist reports to the Director, Trade and Markets Division (EST).

### Technical Focus

The position will lead the work of the Trade and Markets Division and support the corporate programme of work under FAO's Strategic Framework on trade and related issues. The work will focus on policy support at global, regional and country level; provision of evidence-based policy analysis and advice; and capacity development activities.

### 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, plans and coordinates the work of the Division on trade and related emerging issues.
- Leads the development of technical and normative products, in particular economic analysis and related evidence-based policy guidance and support.
- Prepares regular reports on agricultural trade, market developments and emerging issues, and ensure the Division's contribution to FAO's publications and reports on related issues.
- Plans, conducts and coordinates policy relevant research, using, as appropriate, advanced methods and tools of economic and quantitative analysis, on agricultural markets, trade and development, with a particular focus on emerging issues.
- Provides country-level support in the formulation of trade policies and strategies and backstopping missions to projects.
- Prepares notes and statements for senior management on specific topics related to agricultural trade, commodity markets, policy issues and food security.
- Develops and implements strategic partnerships and promote collaborative work, including joint reports and publications, in the area of agricultural trade and related issues.
- Ensures EST's work on trade is properly contributing to FAO's Strategic Framework Results and Strategic Objectives and relevant initiatives and activities.

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### CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

#### Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in international trade, economics, agricultural economics or a related field.
- Ten years of relevant experience in quantitative economic analysis of agricultural trade, commodity and trade policies, and related policy support.
- 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

#### Technical/Functional Skills

- Work experience in more than one location or area of work, particularly in field positions is essential
- Demonstrated experience and expertise in the analysis of trade policies, commodity markets and related issues
- Demonstrated ability to undertake advanced quantitative economic analysis of production, consumption, stocks, trade and prices of agricultural commodities and to prepare analytical reports and studies
- Extent and relevance of experience in the planning and implementation of programmes related to agricultural trade, commodity development and food security in development organizations
- Knowledge of relevant economic modelling and analytical tools and software
- Demonstrated ability to mobilize resources and develop partnerships
- Extent and relevance of experience in organizing international meetings, seminars and training courses

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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*.

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### 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.

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## REMUNERATION

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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](mailto:iRecruitment@fao.org)

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