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POSITION TITLE:	Economist (Sustainable Food and Agricultural Policies)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-4
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Agricultural Development Economics Division, ESA Economic and Social Development Department, ES	DUTY STATION:	Rome, Italy
		DURATION* :	Fixed-term: 2 years
		POST NUMBER:	0088900
		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 Economist reports to the Team Leader of the Monitoring and Analyzing Food and Agricultural Policies Team (MAFAP).

Technical Focus

This position will support the corporate programme of work on the Monitoring and Analysing Food and Agricultural Policies (MAFAP) and provide technical support to the country-level implementation of the areas of work under FAO's Strategic Framework related to policy analysis and support for food security and nutrition and sustainable agriculture and food systems. The work will focus on the development and harmonization of analytical tools, country level analyses, and related evidence-based policy support. Special emphasis in the work will be on assessing trade-offs and synergies in policy making aiming to simultaneously achieve the key sustainable development goals of ending hunger and poverty and making food systems sustainable, inclusive and efficient, as well as in making food systems conducive of eliminating all forms of malnutrition.

Key Results

Comprehensive technical, statistical, analytical and/or policy analysis services and the development of specialized tools, methodologies, systems and/or databases to support the planning, implementation/delivery and monitoring of the programme of work and related products, projects, publications, and services

Key Functions

- Plans and leads components of multi-disciplinary teams and short term work groups, leads and/or participates on Division/Departmental teams, participates on Organization-wide committees, project teams, and working groups and provides specialized expertise on international technical networks and or technical policy and standard setting bodies.
- Develops technical, statistical, analytical, monitoring and reporting frameworks, and related tools, methodologies, systems and databases etc. to support the planning, implementation/delivery and monitoring of the programmes of work, products, projects, and services.
- Designs and conducts research, data collection, validation, analysis and/or reporting activities to support the development of technical standards, international instruments, innovative tools and methodologies, flagship publications/technical reports and/or policy proposals as well as the provision of technical specialist and/or policy advice and expertise.
- Responds to requests and provides technical/policy advice, assistance and solutions to Regional, Sub-Regional, and Country Offices and provides technical backstopping to field projects.
- Promotes international cooperation and collaboration, advocates best practices and increased policy dialogue and provides technical expertise at international meetings and conferences.
- Collaborates in capacity development activities involving knowledge sharing, the organization of training workshops, seminars, and meetings as well as the development of related materials and on-line tools and information kits.
- Participates in resource mobilization activities in accordance with Corporate strategy and Departmental plans.

Specific Functions

- Conducts ex-post and ex-ante policy impact analysis related to food and agriculture policy affecting commodity prices and markets, environmental sustainability and farm and non-farm income in the agricultural sector;

- Leads the development, adaptation and application of related methodologies for ex-post and ex-ante policy analysis and related analytical tools of interest to FAO's Monitoring and Analysis of Food and Agricultural Policies (MAFAP) programme in collaboration with partners at international and national levels as well as relevant FAO technical divisions;
- Engages in policy analysis for sustainable agriculture and development of modelling techniques for food and agricultural policy research and analysis, In collaboration with other teams in the division;
- Provides technical backstopping services to policy analysis work and/or capacity development support to government counterparts and other selected national partners;
- Leads and/or contributes to outputs, such as policy briefs, working papers, country reports and peer-reviewed papers in support of the overall corporate work plan.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in economics, agricultural economics or a related field
- Seven years of relevant experience in economic and quantitative analysis of food and agricultural issues, (indicatively: agricultural economics, agricultural trade and trade policies, economic modelling, natural resources economics (a Ph.D. or equivalent degree in a related field will count for two years of professional experience)
- 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 conducting quantitative economic analysis for policy, economic modeling for policy making, and applying econometric techniques in one or more of the relevant subject areas
- Proven ability in economic analysis of food and agriculture policy issues at a national or global scale
- Ability to discuss and present complex concepts and analytical results to audiences with differing levels of technical expertise
- Extent and relevance of publications record in one or more of the relevant subject areas
- Familiarity with economic and statistical tools for policy analysis.

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

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HOW TO APPLY

To apply, visit the iRecruitment website at <http://www.fao.org/employment/iemployment-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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