



## Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

### Professional Vacancy Announcement No: IRC3536

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Deadline For Application: 15 September 2016

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| Position Title:      | Economist (Food Systems) | Grade Level:  | P-4.   |
| Organizational Unit: | RNETD                    | Duty Station: | DS,EGYPT,CAIRO                                       |
|                      |                          | Duration *:   | Fixed term: two years, with possibility of extension |
|                      |                          | Post Number:  | 2002286  |
|                      |                          | CCOG Code:    | 1I02   |

\* 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 Regional Office for RNE is responsible for leading FAO's response to regional priorities for food security, agriculture and rural development through the identification, planning and implementation of FAO's priority activities in the region. It ensures a multidisciplinary approach to programmes, identifies priority areas of action for the Organization in the Region and, in collaboration with departments and divisions at Headquarters, develops, promotes and oversees FAO's strategic response to regional priorities. RNE also advises on the incorporation of regional priorities into the Organization's Programme of Work and Budget and implements approved programmes and projects in the region, monitors the level of programme implementation and draws attention to problems and deficiencies. RNE develops and maintains relations with region-wide institutions including the Regional Economic Integration Organizations (REIOs).

#### Reporting Lines

The Economist (Food Systems) reports to the Delivery manager of the Regional Initiative on Building Resilience for Food Security and Nutrition

#### Technical Focus

Food security analysis and trade related policies and coordination support.

#### 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 in internal 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.
- Supports capacity development and knowledge sharing activities within member countries, through policy support, organizational development and individual learning and by the development of learning materials and related on-line tools.
- Participates in resource mobilization activities in accordance with corporate strategy and Departmental plans.

**Specific Functions**

- Provides technical analysis, advisory and support services to member states, regional institutions and stakeholders and FAO representations in the areas of food security, nutrition, prices, markets and trade as they relate to policies, programmes and capacity-building;
- Analyses and reviews the food security, nutrition, price, markets' and trade situation in the region, in close collaboration with the other technical officers in RNE and at FAO HQ, and contributes to regular updates to inform member countries and other stakeholders on the emerging trends;
- Undertakes analyses of food security, nutrition, vulnerability, price, market and trade issues in the region, including assessments of implications of existing and proposed trade agreements and social protection programmes;
- Participates in and organizes regional technical meetings, workshops and conferences on food security, price, market and trade issues, including preparation of background documents and reporting related results;
- Develops and/or applies methods and techniques for food security and vulnerability analysis and price, market and trade analysis, providing technical support for the establishment or strengthening of food security, nutrition and market information systems towards improved food policy analysis;
- Participates in and/or organizes field missions, seminars, and workshops to support the above work in the region;
- Takes the lead in coordinating FAO food security related work in the region with UN organization and other stakeholders in the Near East;
- Represents FAO at official and working level meetings related to food security and trade issues;
- Performs other related duties as required.

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**CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING****Minimum Requirements**

- Advanced university degree in economics or agricultural economics or a related field;
- Seven years of relevant experience in the analysis of food security, nutrition and trade issues, and associated policy advice
- 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 analysis of food security, nutrition, vulnerability and trade issues, and in the formulation of food and trade policies in developing countries. Experience in the North Africa and Near East region is considered an asset;
- Extent and relevance of experience with information systems for purposes of food security monitoring, vulnerability analysis and market transparency;
- Relevance and level of academic qualifications in economics or agricultural economics; Ph.D is considered an asset;
- Extent and relevance of experience in preparing highly technical reports and material

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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
- 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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## **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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