



## Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

### Vacancy Announcement No: IRC4135

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Deadline For Application: 16 June 2017

<b>Position Title:</b>	Statistician	<b>Grade Level:</b>	P-3
<b>Organizational Unit:</b>	Multidisciplinary Team, SLCMD	<b>Duty Station:</b>	SLC
		<b>Duration *:</b>	Fixed term: 2 years (with possibility of extension)
		<b>Post Number:</b>	2002663
		<b>CCOG Code:</b>	1M02

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 Sub Regional Office for the Caribbean (SLC) promotes the eradication of hunger, food insecurity, malnutrition and extreme poverty by providing technical advice and assistance to member countries. SLC is committed to the implementation of the three Regional Initiatives, Support a Hunger-Free Caribbean, Family farming and rural territorial development in Caribbean, and Improving food systems in the Caribbean.

The Statistics Division develops, and advocates for the implementation of methodologies and standards for data collection, validation, processing and analysis of food and agriculture statistics. In these statistical domains, it also plays a vital role in the compilation, processing and dissemination of internationally comparable data, and provides essential capacity building support to member countries. In addition, the Division disseminates many publications, working papers and statistical yearbooks, that cover agricultural and food security relevant statistics (including prices, investments, production, trade and agri-environmental statistical data).

The post is located in the FAO Sub-regional Office for the Caribbean (SLC)

#### Reporting Lines

The Statistician Officer reports to the Sub Regional Coordinator (SRC), the direct supervision of Deputy Sub-Regional Coordinator and the technical guidance of the Regional Statistician, RLC and the FAO Chief Statistician.

#### Technical Focus

Statistical capacity development, statistical methodologies, project implementation and backstopping.

#### 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 analyzes [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 service;
- 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**

- Supports the implementation of the Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics in the Region and assists in donor identification and liaison.
- Facilitates country access to, and regional dissemination of, the FAOSTAT corporate statistical database; regularly reviews FAOSTAT identifying missing official data and metadata and follows-up on statistical questionnaires to improve response rates and the quality of the information.
- Advises National Statistical Institutions on the organization and conduct of agricultural censuses, farm surveys and household surveys related to food and agriculture, including the use of appropriate methodologies and the training of national personnel as well as the dissemination of results.
- Supports/contributes to the preparation of flagship sub- and/or regional publications focussing on nutrition, food security and agriculture trends using different indicators and analyses of data related to food availability, access, utilization and stability
- Supports the development of agricultural statistics and relevant dissemination systems in close partnership with the CARICOM, OECS and other relevant institutions in the sub-region
- Provides training and statistical capacity at country level in the compilation of the Food Balance Sheets and of Food Security Indicators.

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### **CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING**

#### **Minimum Requirements**

- Advanced university degree in statistics, mathematics, economics with quantitative training or a related field
- Five years of relevant experience in compilation, processing, validation, statistical analysis and evaluation of statistics, preferably in national statistics offices or international organizations.
- Working knowledge of English, and intermediate knowledge of Spanish or French

#### **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 applying statistical methods in the production of food and agriculture statistics
- Extent and relevance of experience in quantitative statistical analyses and methodological research in food and agriculture statistics
- Extent of relevant experience in planning and conducting agricultural census and surveys
- Extent and relevance of experience in designing and delivering statistical capacity development programmes at country and regional level.
- Proficiency and flexibility in using statistical software, especially R, SPSS, GMAS, SAS or similar (preferably open-source) software
- Excellent oral and written communication skills, ability to write technical documents clearly and concisely.

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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**

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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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