



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Vacancy Announcement No: IRC4332

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Deadline For Application: 23 August 2017

Position Title:	Economist (Agricultural Economics)	Grade Level:	P-3
		Duty Station:	Italy, Rome
Organizational Unit:	Global Perspectives Studies Unit, ESDGG	Duration *:	Fixed term: 2 years (with possibility of extension)
		Post Number:	0095869
		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 three FAO flagship publications: *The State of Food and Agriculture*, *The State of Food Insecurity in the World*, and *World Agriculture Towards 2030/50*. ESA also leads large programmes at country level on the right to food, agricultural policy monitoring, climate smart agriculture, social protection, and food security information and analysis in support of national policies.

Reporting Lines

The Economist reports to the team leader of The State of Food and Agriculture

Technical Focus

The economist will conduct economic analysis on a broad range of issues pertaining to sustainable agricultural and rural development and food and nutrition security. The analysis will provide evidence-based support to and feed into the preparation of the annual FAO flagship publication *The State of Food and Agriculture*.

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

- Supports the SOFA team leader in planning and managing the preparation of The State of Food and Agriculture, including drafting and then revising the publication based on expert inputs.
- Contributes to the development of the evidence base that supports the preparation of the SOFA report.
- Prepares briefs relating to the themes addressed in the SOFA report and other issues pertaining to agricultural and rural development and food and nutrition security.
- Drafts journal articles and other written materials based on the SOFA report and underlying analysis and presents at professional conferences and in other relevant fora.
- Liaises with other FAO teams and external partners as necessary for the preparation of the SOFA.
- Supervises staff, consultants and interns as required.
- Performs other duties as required.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in economics, agricultural economics or a related field.
- Five years of relevant experience in economic analysis of issues in food and agricultural development or related
- 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 and knowledge in conducting economic analysis and multidisciplinary research on global food policy and agricultural development issues, including the ability to write clearly and concisely for publications.
- Quality of both oral and written communication, including ability to write clearly and concisely for publications.
- Demonstrated ability to manage, analyze and present quantitative information clearly and effectively.
- Extent and relevance of written publication record, including high-profile consensus reports, working papers, journal articles and short publication for generalist audiences.
- Working knowledge of English is a strong asset.

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
- 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

HOW TO APPLY

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