



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

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Deadline For Application: 4 September 2017

Position Title:	Statistician (Price Statistics)	Grade Level:	P-3
		Duty Station:	Italy, Rome
Organizational Unit:	Office of Director, ESSDD	Duration *:	Fixed term: 2 years (with possibility of extension)
		Post Number:	2002662
		CCOG Code:	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 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 Economic Statistics Team is responsible for collecting, compiling and disseminating statistics on agriculture producer prices (APP), agriculture producer price indexes (APPI), consumer price indexes (CPI) and food CPIs. They are required to understand and apply corporate standards and international statistical classifications with respect to questionnaire design and dispatch, and commodity coverage. The price unit of the Economic Statistics Team plays a key role in the harmonized dispatch and follow-up of ESS questionnaires, and supports data exchange agreements with regional organizations, such as United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC, or CEPAL in Spanish) in Latin America and the Caribbean, and Eurostat for European member countries. The unit also provides capacity development and training at country level for the development of producer price and APPI statistical programs.

The position is located in Rome, Italy

Reporting Lines

The Statistician reports to the Senior Statistician/ Team Leader of the Economic Statistics Team under the overall guidance of the Director of ESS,.

Technical Focus

Implementation and consolidation of the methodology for the estimation of economic statistics, with special reference to price statistics and price indexes.

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 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

- Ensures the development and timely updates of methods, standards, tools, norms and classifications used in the production of price statistics and price indexes;
- Manages the dispatch, follow-up, capture, processing and compilation of agriculture producer price statistics and APPIs from the FAO questionnaire to countries on *Prices Received by Farmers*;
- Contributes to processing available CPI and APP data collected from FAO questionnaires, the IMF, the UN Statistics Division, and country websites;
- Contributes to the design, testing and implementation of multivariate estimation methods for missing observations, series or countries in agriculture producer price, APPI, CPI and food CPI data.
- Contributes to the design and deployment of technical assistance in support to countries for the establishment of agriculture producer price programs and APPI compilation and dissemination.
- Leads the FAO Price Statistics working group of the Inter-departmental working group (IDWG) on statistics, to improve efficiency and harmonization and reduce duplication.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in statistics, mathematics, economics, agricultural economics, or a related field.
- Five years of relevant experience in the compilation and analysis of price statistics and price indexes in national or international organizations.
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese, Russian

Competencies

- Results Focus
- Team Work
- 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 of the main data sources used for the compilation of price statistics
- Extent and relevance of experience in the compilation, validation and analysis of price statistics
- Extent and relevance of knowledge and experience in using statistical software for processing and analysing price data.
- Extent and relevance of knowledge and experience in the field of price statistics and price index analysis
- Extent and relevance of experience in designing, planning and managing statistical capacity development activities in assigned areas of responsibility.
- Demonstrated experience in drafting technical reports/documents in English is considered 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
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HOW TO APPLY

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Candidates are requested to attach a letter of motivation to the online profile.

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