



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

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Deadline For Application: 4 September 2017

Position Title:	Statistician	Grade Level:	P-3
Organizational Unit:	Office of Director, ESSDD	Duty Station:	Italy, Rome
		Duration *:	Fixed term: 2 years (with possibility of extension)
		Post Number:	2006270
		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 Statistical Governance and Outreach team is responsible for statistical systems, data dissemination and communication in the Division. Major outputs include: the FAOSTAT database portal; the Global and Regional Pocketbooks; the Statistics website and continuous communication and dialogue with a wide range of users of food and agriculture statistics.

The post is located in Rome, Italy.

Reporting Lines

The Statistician reports to the Director, ESS.

Technical Focus

Compile, process, validate, analyze and publish data and metadata related to agricultural Statistics; Produce, market and disseminate statistical products, especially FAO's main agricultural database FAOSTAT. Liaise with external stakeholders and partners;

Key Results

Research, analysis and dissemination 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

- Coordinates the production of corporate statistical products, including pocket book and yearbooks of FAO indicators, as well as other advocacy materials.
- Oversees the running and training of FAOSTAT and its strategic planning and future evolution.
- Analyses the workflows supporting the statistical work of the Organization and make suggestions on ways to improve the quality, efficiency and effectiveness of FAO's Statistical work; investigates and identifies technological and methodological innovations that can improve FAO's statistical outputs; advises on options for implementation of these innovations and monitors actual use
- Increases the visibility of products and outputs within FAO and outside the organization, including guaranteeing a presence at major FAO and key international events.
- Assists with the marketing of statistical products and services produced by the Division.
- Liaises with external stakeholders and partners to assess user satisfaction with the Division's statistical products and to understand and document changing requirements over time.

Monitors and reports on usage of key Divisional products.

- Ensures that the information needs of technical officers in the Division are met.
- Assists in the development and implementation of guidelines and standards for data dissemination, such as SDMX.
- Oversees the work of the Data Dissemination and Outreach Team.

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, analysis and dissemination of food and agricultural statistics 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
- 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 of statistical methods for the collection and compilation of food and agricultural data;
- Extent and relevance of experience in developing and implementing statistical dissemination systems;
- Extent and relevance of experience in producing communication and advocacy statistical products
- Extent and relevance of experience in liaising with users and analyzing user-feedback
- Familiarity with Open Data policies, tools and methods and with SDMX
- 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

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

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