



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT N°: IRC4614

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Deadline For Application: 5 October 2017

JOB TITLE: Economist (Agricultural Policies and Climate Change)

TYPE OF CONTRACT: Consultant

DUTY STATION: Rome, Italy

ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: **Agricultural Development Economics Division,
ESA**
Economic and Social Development Department

DURATION: 11 months (with possibility of extension)

FAO seeks gender, geographical and linguistic diversity in its staff and international consultants in order to best serve FAO Members in all regions.

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.

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.

The Economic and Policy Analysis of Climate Change (EPIC) programme works with governments, research centres, universities and other institutional partners to support the transition to Climate-Smart Agriculture (CSA) by using sound economic and policy analysis.

Reporting Lines

Under the overall supervision of the team leader of EPIC, and under the direct supervision of the Economist coordinating the analysis of agricultural policies and climate change.

Technical Focus

The Economist will support economic and policy analysis of climate change in developing countries. She/he will conduct relevant policy analysis to enable developing countries to design agricultural policies in coherence with their effort to put their economic development on a low - emission and climate-resilient pathway. She/he will be familiar with economics analytical tools, such as public expenditure, climate change economic analysis, adaptation cost estimates, etc. She/he will work in close coordination with the other members of the team, as well as provide strategic support and policy advice to the senior economist. Other specific aspects are:

- Experience of applied economics in the context of climate change, agricultural and food policy;
- Broad knowledge of current political economic conditions in countries-in-transition and developing countries, and ability to present the key results in front of public audiences;
- Experience in organizing missions and seminars, conferences in developing countries;
- Preferably, experience in communicating with government officials in developing countries

Tasks and responsibilities

- Provide technical and policy advice to selected countries in the development and implementation of their programmes of work related to agricultural and food policy analysis in connection with climate change;
- Contribute to the development of technical products, in particular economic analysis and produce related evidence-based policy guidance and support on climate change in relation with markets, food security and trade policies;
- Provide technical backstopping services to monitor agricultural and climate change policy analysis and capacity development support to government counterparts and other selected national partners.
- Conduct analytical studies of climate change and agricultural policy issues, including (i) trade and domestic policies that influence climate change affecting supply and prices in commodity markets, (ii) climate change and stock policies and (iii) value chain and market analysis in the context of climate change, as well as (iv) other emerging issues, such as impacts on food supplies and prices on climate change.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in economics, agricultural economics, environmental economics, political science or any related field;
- Three years of relevant experience in economic analysis of food and agricultural issues, (indicatively, agricultural economics, climate change economics, food policies, agricultural price policies, agricultural inputs policies, environmental economics;

- Working knowledge of English, and limited knowledge of French, Spanish, Russian , Arabic or Chinese

FAO Core 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
- Extent and relevance of experience in agricultural policy analysis
- Extent and relevance of experience in economic analysis of climate change
- Familiarity with economic analysis

Selection Criteria

Candidates will be assessed against the requirements listed above.

Please note that all candidates should adhere to *FAO Values of Commitment to FAO, Respect for All and Integrity and Transparency*.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- All applications will be reviewed and qualified applicants will be contacted for interviews.
- FAO does not charge a fee at any stage of the recruitment process (application, interview meeting, processing).
- Incomplete applications will not be considered. If you need help, or have queries, please contact: iRecruitment@fao.org
- Applications received after the closing date will not be accepted.
- Only language proficiency certificates from UN accredited external providers and/or FAO language official examinations (LPE, ILE, LRT) will be accepted as proof of the level of knowledge of languages indicated in the online applications.
- For other issues, visit the FAO employment website: <http://www.fao.org/employment/home/en/>

HOW TO APPLY

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

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