



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT N°: IRC4623

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Deadline For Application: 25 September 2017

JOB TITLE: Trade Policy Consultant

TYPE OF CONTRACT: International Consultant (Level B)

DUTY STATION: Rome, Italy

ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: Trade and Markets Division

DURATION: 11 months

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 Trade and Markets Division monitors and analyses trends in international, regional and national agricultural commodity markets, collecting and disseminating comprehensive market and policy information concerning the major traded commodities and those important to food security. It undertakes forward looking studies and is responsible for the publication of the OECD-FAO Agricultural Outlook. The Division analyses global issues that affect agricultural trade, including policy analysis of trade measures and agreements, and provides technical support and capacity building to member states in all these areas. Through its Global Information and Early Warning Service, the Division is also responsible for FAO's early warnings on food shortfalls. The Division houses the secretariats of the Committee on Commodity Problems (CCP), nine Intergovernmental Commodity Groups (IGGs) and the Agricultural Market Information System (AMIS).

Reporting Lines

The Trade Policy Consultant reports to the Team Leader, Trade Agreements and Agricultural Trade Policy, under the overall guidance of the Division Director.

Technical Focus

The consultant will contribute to the outputs of the Trade Agreements and Agricultural Trade Policy team, providing technical support to FAO member countries for the effective formulation of trade policies and participation in trade negotiations through the provision of the evidence base, capacity development and facilitation of fora for policy dialogue.

Tasks and responsibilities

In close collaboration with all team members the consultant is expected to:

- Monitor the multilateral trade negotiations at the World Trade Organization (WTO) and regional and/or bilateral trade negotiations to prepare analytical studies/reports on the implications of trade policy developments on agricultural markets and food security;
- Analyse relevant data and information, synthesize literature, and support the preparation of knowledge products such as working papers, technical notes and briefs on agricultural trade policy, trade negotiations and the relationship between trade and food security;
- Plan and execute activities involving technical and organizational support in response to country requests with regard to the design and implementation of agricultural trade policies and contribute to the formulation and delivery of trade-related support under various projects;
- Participate in missions to FAO member countries to provide technical backstopping on projects and related activities;
- Develop tailored training modules for the e-learning and face-to-face courses on trade, including materials based on relevant case-studies, country examples, materials for the design of interactive scenarios etc. and contribute to delivery of training and defining future capacity development events to ensure sustainability of learning;
- Support stakeholder engagement activities, including dialogue events with relevant ministries and partner organizations to develop trade activities and project proposals based on analytical findings;
- Facilitate the organization of workshops and seminars in collaboration with concerned partners;
- Perform other duties as required.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in Economics, Agricultural Economics, Public Policy, Business or related field;
- At least five years of relevant experience with agricultural economics and/or trade policy analysis, trade negotiations and inter-governmental coordination on trade and markets issues;
- Working knowledge of English and limited knowledge of Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian or Spanish.

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
- Experience with trade policy analysis
- Experience with advising governments and/or agricultural sector stakeholders on trade and markets issues
- Capacity to work effectively as part of a multi-disciplinary team
- Demonstrated ability to synthesize complex information and present ideas and recommendations in a clear and understandable manner
- Computer literacy with Word, PowerPoint and basic spreadsheets;
- Excellent communication (both written and oral) and presentation skills;
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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*.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 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/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.

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