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Deadline For Application: 3 November 2017

JOB TITLE: Economist / Policy Analyst

TYPE OF CONTRACT: Consultant or PSA.SBS

DUTY STATION: Various

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

DURATION: Up to 11 month (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; and leads the production of three FAO flagship publications: *The State of Food and Agriculture*, *The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World*, and *World Agriculture Towards 2030/50*. ESA also leads large programmes at country level on agricultural policy monitoring, climate change, agribusiness and food value chains, and food security information and analysis in support of national policies.

FAO International Consultants and Call purpose

The Organization frequently engages experts to work on short-term activities and projects as international consultants or under personal service agreements (PSA) at various levels of experience (see minimum requirements below). International consultants or PSAs are engaged by the Organization to provide expertise, skills or knowledge for the performance of a specific task or piece of work, which is short-term by nature. The assignment may involve full-time or part-time functions, with duration ranging from 1 month up to 11 months. The possibility of extension is subject to satisfactory performance and dependant on the availability of resources and needs of the Organization. Assignments can require travel or missions/appointment to field locations.

Individuals meeting or exceeding the requirements of the Call, determined through an interview process, will be included in the ESA Divisional Roster. Experts who are registered in the Roster are available for consideration for a period of up to 48 months. ESA Division will use this roster as the primary mechanism to resource future vacancies within the technical requirements covered by the Call.

Reporting Lines

Selected applicants will work under the overall guidance of the Division Director and the direct supervision of Team Leaders/Officers, working in close collaboration with other FAO Divisions, Strategic Programmes and external partners as required. When activities are carried out in member countries, applicants will be required to work in close collaboration with the FAO Representation in the relevant country of assignment, as well as the relevant FAO regional and/or sub-regional office.

Technical Focus

The Economist/ Policy Analyst will support economic and policy analysis of agricultural and rural development policies, trade and markets, food security, structural transformation, food system and value chain development, and climate change. She/he will conduct the required policy analysis to enable countries to design food and agricultural policies in coherence with their effort to put their economic development on a sustainable and pro-poor-growth pathway. She/he will be familiar with economic issues, such as policy coherence and convergence, agricultural public expenditure, economic analysis of market and price dynamics, as well as economic analysis of climate change, adaptation and mitigation cost estimates and monitoring indicators. She/he will work in close coordination with other members of the team, as well as provide strategic support and policy advice to decision makers in FAO member countries. Other specific aspects areas:

- Experience of applied economics in the context of trade and market, climate change, agricultural and food policy, rural development, poverty and food insecurity;
- 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 analysing commodity price incentives at various levels of a value chain;
- Experience in communicating with government officials and ability present the key results in concise and authoritative manner.

Tasks and responsibilities

The assigned tasks and responsibilities related to this area of work can include the following:

- 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 structural transformation, sustainability of agriculture development and climate change;
 - Contribute to the development of technical products, in particular economic analysis and produce related evidence-based policy guidance and support on economic development, agricultural transformation in relation with markets, climate change, food security and poverty, market and trade policies;
 - Provide technical backstopping services to monitor agricultural and policy analysis and capacity development support to government counterparts and other selected national partners.
 - Conduct analytical studies of the agricultural transformation process and agricultural policy issues also in the context of climate change.
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CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Formal education in economics, agricultural economics, environmental economics, social/political science, international development or a related field;
 - Consultant level B and C – advanced university degree
 - PSA.SBS – university degree
- 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:
 - Consultant level B (Expert) – at least 5 years relevant experience;
 - Consultant level C/PSA.SBS – at least 1 year of relevant experience;
- Working knowledge of English and limited knowledge of French, Spanish, Arabic, Chinese, or Russian. In the case of PSAs, the requirement is for working knowledge in one of the FAO official languages.

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, particularly in field positions is desirable
 - Extent and relevance of experience in agricultural policy analysis
 - Extent and relevance of experience in economic analysis of climate change and/or agricultural transformative processes
 - Familiarity with quantitative methods for policy analysis
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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

- 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/>
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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.

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