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POSITION TITLE:	Senior Economist	GRADE LEVEL:	P-5
		DUTY STATION:	Rome and various locations
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Europe, Central Asia, Near East, North Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean Service (TCIC)	DURATION*:	Fixed-term: 2 years with possibility of extension
	Investment Centre Division, TCI	POST NUMBER:	0799998
	Technical Cooperation Department, TC	CCOG CODE:	1E

* 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 Investment Centre Division (TCI) promotes investment in food security, agriculture, rural development, natural resource management and agro-processing in developing countries and countries in transition, assisting governments and country stakeholders, main development partners, in particular international financing institutions with the strategic planning and implementation of their investments to achieve food security and nutrition, make agriculture, forestry and fisheries more sustainable and productive, reduce rural poverty, make food value chains more efficient and inclusive and promote climate change adaptation and/or mitigation.

TCI is a multidisciplinary division composed of three regionally focused services, namely Africa Service, Asia and the Pacific Service, and Europe, Central Asia, Near East, North Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean Service.

The post is located in TCI.

Reporting lines

The Senior Economist reports to the Chief Europe, Central Asia, Near East, North Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean Service.

Technical Focus

Design, implementation support and evaluation of investment operations (projects and programmes) in food security, agriculture, rural development, natural resource management and agro-processing, as well as strategic and policy work, with a focus on financial and economic aspects, including to create an enabling environment for private sector investment development.

Key Results

Provision of technical advice and capacity development for (i) the design of investment operations, in collaboration with country stakeholders and cooperating partners, to mobilize resources for food security, agriculture, rural development, natural resource management and agro-processing; and (ii) implementation support and evaluation of investment operations, in accordance with the FAO Strategic Framework.

Key Functions

- Leads, or participates in, multidisciplinary teams to assist governments in the identification and preparation of investment operations in the fields of food security, agriculture, rural development, natural resource management and agro-processing, and participate in pre-appraisal and appraisal missions.
- Leads, or participates in, multidisciplinary teams for the implementation support and the preparation of final evaluation of investment operations.
- Advises governments in the preparation of food security, agriculture, rural development, natural resource management and agro-processing studies and strategies, and in the formulation of national sector and/or sub-sector investment plans and programmes.
- Advises on developing inclusive and sustainable food systems, involving producers, their organizations, other private sector actors, civil society organizations and government.
- Leads the formulation and delivery of capacity development strategies and activities in the areas of food security, agriculture, rural development, natural resource management and agro-processing investment support to government staff, and non-state actors and private sector organizations.
- Prepares reports in accordance with government and financing partners' requirements.
- Advises on task organization, selection of consultants, and preparation of terms of reference and in ensuring the quality of outputs.
- Represents the Organization at international and inter-governmental meetings and conferences, advocates for strategic partnerships best practices and effective policy dialogue; develops and negotiates effective working relationships and agreements with international and national partners.
- Establishes, promotes and maintains relationships with relevant Strategic Programmes, FAO Technical Units and Decentralised Offices in order to ensure best synergies between investment, policy and innovation work in support to member countries.
- Leads or participates in resource mobilization activities in accordance with the FAO Corporate strategy.

- Provides guidance, mentoring and advice to junior staff.

Specific functions

- Provides substantial contributions for the design of investment operations, such as the development of the project logical/results framework, the monitoring and evaluation system, and the costing of investment operations.
- Determines the feasibility and viability of investment proposals through reviewing market prospects, prices, costs and risks, and carrying out financial and economic analysis.
- Advises on the performance of investment projects or programmes during implementation and their impact after completion, and makes recommendations for enhancing design of future operations.
- Advises on investment implications of food security, agriculture, rural development, natural resource management and agro-processing policies, national plans and programmes, including poverty alleviation, and climate change adaptation and mitigation.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced University degree in economics, agricultural economics, natural resources economics, agribusiness management or a closely related field
- Ten years of relevant experience in the practical application of economic analysis to development issues, including analytical studies, and/or in the formulation and implementation of food security, agriculture, rural development, natural resource management and agro-processing investment operations in developing countries and/or countries in transition
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese or Russian

Competencies

- Results focus
- Leading, engaging and empowering
- Communication and advocacy
- Partnering and resource mobilisation
- Knowledge sharing and continuous Improvement
- Strategic thinking

Technical/Functional Skills

- Work experience in more than one location or area of work, particularly in field positions is essential
- Extent and relevance of experience in leading, or participating in, multidisciplinary teams for the preparation of strategies and sector studies as well as formulation, implementation support or evaluation of food security, agriculture, rural development, natural resource management and agro-processing investment operations, with focus on financial and economic aspects;
- Extent and relevance of experience in food security, agriculture, rural development, natural resource management and agro-processing analytical studies, feasibility studies and programme evaluation and/or in leading public-private policy dialogue to promote investment
- Extent and relevance of experience in investment design, implementation support and evaluation procedures of FAO's main development partners, in particular the World Bank, the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
- Extent of experience in capacity development for the design and implementation of food security, agriculture, rural development, natural resource management and agro-processing investments
- Demonstrated experience in dealing with senior government officials, development partners and other country stakeholders
- Demonstrated capacity to write technical reports in English and/or Russian
- Relevance of experience in the region or sub-regions covered by the specific vacancy

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.
 - As part of the evaluation of your application for this position, you may be requested to undergo written assessment, which may be followed by a competency-based interview.
 - Your application will be screened based on the information you have entered in your iRecruitment profile (see below under the *How to Apply* section). Before applying for a vacancy, we strongly recommend that the information you have provided in all sections of your profile are accurate and complete, including employment record, academic qualifications and skills.
 - Please note that FAO will only consider academic credentials or degrees obtained from an educational institution that is 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 the on-line application. Only applications received through iRecruitment will be considered.

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

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