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POSITION TITLE:	Economist	GRADE LEVEL:	P-3/P-2
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Africa Service (TCIA) Europe, Central Asia, Near East, North Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean Service (TCIC) Investment Centre Division, TCI Technical Cooperation Department, TC	DUTY STATION:	Rome and various locations
		DURATION*:	Fixed-Term: 2 years with possibility of extension
		POST NUMBER:	Unidentified
		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 Economist reports to either the Chief, Africa Service (TCIA) or Chief, Europe, Central Asia, Near East, North Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean Service (TCIC).

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 assistance/services and support the 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 at P2 level

- Participates in multidisciplinary teams for the identification and preparation of investment operations in the fields of food security, agriculture, rural development, natural resource management and agro-processing, and in pre-appraisal and appraisal missions.
- Participates in multidisciplinary teams for the implementation support and the preparation of final evaluation of investment operations.
- Drafts components of food security, agriculture, rural development, natural resource management and agro-processing studies and strategies, in the formulation of national sector and/or sub-sector investment plans and programmes.
- Participates in capacity development programmes activities in the areas of food security, agriculture, rural development, natural resource management and agro-processing investment support to government staff, non-state actors and private sector organizations.
- Prepares reports in accordance with governments and financing partners' requirements.

Specific Functions at P2 level

- Locates/collates, verifies, calculates and presents socioeconomic information obtained from a variety of sources in a logical and orderly manner.
- Contributes to economic and financial feasibility analysis for investment projects by compiling and analysing the data required for the preparation of project proposals and assessments.
- Participates in reviews of reports and in FAO activities concerned with agricultural economic studies, policy reviews and planning.

- Participates in the assessment of 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.

Key Functions at P3 level

- Participates in multidisciplinary teams for the identification and preparation of investment operations in the fields of food security, agriculture, rural development, natural resource management and agro-processing, and participates in pre-appraisal and appraisal missions.
- Supports the implementation of investment operations and the preparation of final evaluation.
- Participates in the preparation of food security, agriculture, rural development, natural resource management and agro-processing studies and strategies, in the formulation of national sector and/or sub-sector investment plans and programmes.
- Support the development of inclusive and sustainable food systems involving producers, their organizations, other private sector actors, civil society organizations and governments.
- Contributes to capacity development activities in the areas of food security, agriculture, rural development, natural resource management and agro-processing investment support to government staff, non-state actors and private sector organizations.
- Prepares reports in accordance with governments and financing partners' requirements.
- Promotes knowledge sharing and best practices at international meetings and conferences, and interacts 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.
- Supports resource mobilization activities in accordance with the FAO Corporate strategy.

Specific Functions at P3 level

- Provides inputs for the design of investment operations including, for the development of the project logical/results framework, the monitoring and evaluation system, and the costing of investment operations.
- Analyses the feasibility and viability of investment proposals through studying market prospects, prices, costs and risks, and carrying out financial and economic analysis.
- Evaluates the performance of investment projects or programmes during implementation and their impact after completion.
- Reviews 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
- Three (for P2) to five years (for P3) 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
- 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 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 and programme evaluation
- Knowledge of 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) and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) is considered a strong asset
- Extent and relevance of experience in capacity development for the design and implementation of food security, agriculture, rural development, natural resource management and agro-processing investments
- Extent and relevance of experience in dealing with government officials, staff of development partners and country

- stakeholders
- Demonstrated capacity to write technical reports in English and/or French or Spanish |

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 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.

REMUNERATION

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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.

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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