



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

## Vacancy Announcement No: IRC5684

Issued on: **29 August 2018**  
Deadline For Application: **19 September 2018**

<b>Position Title:</b>	Economist (Trade Analyst)	<b>Grade Level:</b>	P-3
		<b>Duty Station:</b>	Italy, Rome
<b>Organizational Unit:</b>	Trade and Markets Division, EST	<b>Duration *:</b>	Fixed term: two years with possibility of extension
		<b>Post Number:</b>	0091987
		<b>CCOG Code:</b>	1L09

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- [FAO is committed to achieving workforce diversity in terms of gender and nationality.](#)
- [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 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 also undertakes forward looking outlook studies and medium-term projections of supply, demand and prices for agricultural commodities. 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).

The post is located in the Team on International Investment and Tropical Fruits.

### Reporting Lines

The Economist reports to the Senior Economist, Team Leader, International Investment and Tropical Fruits.

### Technical Focus

Analysis of international trade in tropical fruits and foreign investment in the agricultural sector of developing countries.

### Key Results

Research and analysis of information, data and statistics, and the maintenance and updating of related tools, methodologies, and/or databases to support the delivery of programme products, projects, publications, and services.

### Key Functions

- Researches and analyses [agricultural, economic, trade, market, social, environmental, nutrition/food composition and/or gender related] data, statistics and information to provide technical, statistical and/or policy related information and analysis to support the delivery of economic and social development programmes work, products, projects, publications and services.
- Produces a variety of technical reports and input for technical documents, Departmental publications and/or web pages.
- Provides technical, statistical, and/or analytical services on various studies, projects, and/or assessments and provides technical backstopping to field projects.
- Participates in the development of improved/updated technical, statistical and/or analytical tools, methodologies, systems, databases, and/or key social/ economic/ environmental/ nutritional and/or early warning indicators, etc.
- Participates on multi-disciplinary teams, collaborates with other departments and agencies on work groups and committees and promotes best practices.
- Collaborates in capacity development activities involving the planning and organizing of training workshops, seminars, and major meetings and the preparation of related information, materials, on-line tools and information kits.
- Promotes knowledge sharing and best practices at international meetings and conferences and influences partners in stakeholder consultations.
- Participates in resource mobilization activities.

## Specific Functions

- Analyses international trade in bananas and tropical fruits.
- Monitors and analyses the main markets for bananas and tropical fruits.
- Undertakes medium-term projections on supply, demand and trade of tropical fruits using econometric models.
- Undertakes econometric studies on foreign direct investment (FDI) in developing country agriculture.
- Carries out economic studies and prepares papers as requested by the Intergovernmental Group on banana and tropical fruits.
- Drafts analytical papers on agricultural FDI and trade in tropical fruits.

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## CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

### Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in economics, agricultural economics or a related field such as development economics and international trade.
- Five years of relevant experience in quantitative economic analysis of agricultural markets, trade and policies and/or analysis of trade and markets.
- Working knowledge of English and limited knowledge of Spanish or French.

### 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 and knowledge in analysis of agricultural commodity markets and policies, in particular for fruits
- Depth of familiarity with FDI in the agricultural sector of developing countries
- Extent and relevance of experience in the analysis and formulation of investment policies for sustainability improvement in the agricultural sector
- Ability to analyze complex trade issues
- Extent and relevance of experience in the formulation, monitoring and appraisal of commodity development projects
- Extent and relevance of experience in preparing analytical and policy relevant special studies concerning agricultural FDI, bananas and tropical fruits

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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*.

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- All candidates should possess computer/word processing skills
- Your application will be screened based on the information provided in your iRecruitment online profile (see “*How to Apply*”). We strongly recommend that you ensure that the information is accurate and complete including employment record, academic qualifications and language skills
- Please note that FAO will only consider academic credentials or degrees obtained from an educational institution recognized in the IAU/UNESCO list
- Candidates endorsed in the selection process for this vacancy announcement will be considered for the FAO Professional Employment Roster for a period of two years. The Roster is used to fill other similar positions at the same or lower grade, and in the same or another duty station
- Candidates may be requested to provide performance assessments

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profile. 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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