



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Vacancy Announcement No: IRC5903

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Deadline For Application: 3 December 2018

POSITION TITLE:	Senior Economist	GRADE LEVEL:	P-5
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Agricultural Development Economics Division, ESA	DUTY STATION:	Rome, Italy
	Economic and Social Development Department, ES	DURATION *:	Fixed-term: 2 years with possibility of extension
		POST NUMBER:	0782670
		CCOG CODE:	1L09

* 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 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 Insecurity in the World*, and *World Agriculture Towards 2030/50*. ESA also leads large programmes at country level on the right to food, agricultural policy monitoring, climate smart agriculture, social protection, and food security information and analysis in support of national policies.

The post is located in the Rome.

Reporting Lines

The Senior Economist reports to the Director, ESA

Technical Focus

Economic and agricultural policies, agrarian economy and rural development.

Key Results

Leadership and conceptual thinking for the development and implementation of comprehensive technical, statistical and/or analytical frameworks to support the programme of work and related products, projects and services in accordance with the FAO Strategic Framework and in alignment with the Organization's Gender Policy.

Key Functions

- Plans, manages, or leads highly specialized or multi-disciplinary teams, leads, coordinates, and/or participates on Organization-wide, cross-Departmental committees, project teams, and working groups, and/or provides technical leadership/secretariat services on technical networks and/or international technical policy and standard setting bodies.
- Provides technical and policy advice to selected countries in developing regions in the development and implementation of their programmes of work related to agricultural and food policy reforms options (ex ante and ex post analysis).
- Leads the development of technical products, in particular economic analysis and produce related evidence-based policy guidance and support in policies, markets, food security, nutrition and trade.
- Implements and monitors work programmes involving the conception and development of comprehensive statistical and/or analytical frameworks including early warning, medium and long-term plans and strategies, leading edge tools, methods, systems and databases, critical indicators, and/or policy models, etc. for gender programming.
- Oversees and reviews, from a gender perspective, data collection, validation, analysis and reporting activities to support the development of technical standards, international instruments, innovation, FAO flagship publications/yearbooks, and/or on-going programme development as well as technical and/or policy advisory services.
- Conducts analytical studies of agricultural market and policy issues, including (i) trade and domestic policies that influence supply, demand and prices in commodity markets, (ii) stocks analysis and (iii) value chain and market analysis, as well as (iv) other emerging issues, such as impacts on food supplies and prices on nutrition.
- Plans, organizes and participates in capacity development activities involving the provision of advice, technical assistance projects, training workshops, seminars, and meetings as well as oversees the development of related materials, on-line tools and information kits.
- Represents the Organization at international/inter-governmental meetings and conferences, advocates strategic partnerships, best practices, and increased policy dialogue and develops and negotiates effective working relationships/consensus and agreements with international and national partners.
- Leads and/or participates in resource mobilization activities in accordance with the Corporate strategy.

- Performs other duties as required.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in agricultural economics, economics, agriculture or a related field with emphasis on economic development and food policy and markets
- Ten years of relevant experience in economic, research in agrarian economy and rural development, agricultural policies or related areas (a Ph.D. or equivalent degree in a related field will count for two years of professional experience).
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese, Russian

Competencies

- Results Focus
- Leading, Engaging and Empowering Others
- Communication
- Partnering and Advocating
- 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 agricultural and food policy analysis, policy measurement, including quantitative skills
- Ability to prepare in-depth qualitative and quantitative analyses of agricultural and food policies in developing countries
- Demonstrated experience in capacity development and training
- Demonstrated capacity to coordinate country level activities involving several partner institutions
- Extent and relevance of experience in organizing international meetings, seminars and training courses

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
- 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 recognised 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

REMUNERATION

A competitive compensation and benefits package is offered. For information on UN salaries, allowances and benefits, click on the following link: http://www.un.org/Depts/OHRM/salaries_allowances/salary.htm

HOW TO APPLY

To apply, visit the iRecruitment website at <http://www.fao.org/employment/i-recruitment-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.

If you need help, or have queries, please contact: iRecruitment@fao.org

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