



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

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Deadline For Application: 14 December 2018

Position Title:	Economist	Grade Level:	P-3
Organizational Unit:	Trade and Markets Division, EST	Duty Station:	Italy, Rome
		Duration *:	Fixed term: one year (with possibility of extension)
		Post Number:	2007019
		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 Trade and Markets Division (EST) 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. 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 System (GIEWS), 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 GIEWS on Food and Agriculture, based in the EST. GIEWS continuously monitors food supply and demand and other key indicators for assessing the overall food security situation in all countries of the world. It issues regular analytical and objective reports on the prevailing conditions and provides early warnings of impending food crises at country or regional level.

Within the context of the implementation of the Global Network Against Food Crises Partnership Programme, this position will contribute to the production of quality analyses and evidence to support programming and policy making at national, regional and global levels.

Reporting Lines

The Economist reports to the Senior Economist/Team Leader of the GIEWS.

Technical Focus

The Economist will monitor and prepare analytical appraisals of the current and prospective food security situation in assigned countries. This will also require work on improving the collection and regular flow of basic data and information at country level and to liaise with relevant national and international institutions and stakeholders dealing with food security information.

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 inputs 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 multidisciplinary 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, online 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 the food supply/demand situations in the countries of assignment and monitors available information on crop prospects, food production and consumption, trade, stocks, prices and policies;
- Provides periodical inputs to the analytical work carried out by the Early Warning/Early Action team, the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) Global Platform and the Food Security Information Network (FSIN);
- Prepares special alerts/reports for issuance to the Global Network against Food Crises and broader international community on specific food problem situations that require imminent international assistance;
- Prepares specific inputs and recommendations for food security interventions based on analysis of food security indicators for the countries of assignment;
- Participates in assessment missions to affected or vulnerable countries to assess agricultural production and food supply situation, including emerging food deficits, which may require international assistance;
- Participates in communication and dissemination activities related to food supply/demand outlook and food security situation in the assigned countries;
- Provides technical support to capacity building activities in the areas of early warning information systems and other market and food security analysis, in the assigned countries;
- Performs other related duties, as required.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in economics, agricultural economics or a related field;
- Five years of relevant experience in economic analysis and food security monitoring in developing countries;
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese, 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 food security monitoring in developing countries;
- Depth of familiarity with relevant information systems on food and agriculture and methods of monitoring food security;
- Extent and relevance of experience in economic analysis related to food security issues in developing countries;
- Ability to use/interpret satellite-based data for monitoring crop production, is desirable;
- Demonstrated ability to write clearly and concisely and to work under strict deadlines.

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 recognized 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 two 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 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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