



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

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Deadline For Application: 11 December 2018

Position Title:	Economist (Policy Analysis)	Grade Level:	P-3
		Duty Station:	Italy, Rome
Organizational Unit:	Agricultural Development Economics Division, ESA	Duration *:	Fixed Term: one year (with possibility of extension)
		Post Number:	2007023
		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 two FAO flagship publications: *The State of Food and Agriculture* and *The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World*. ESA also leads large programmes at country level on the right to food, agricultural policy monitoring, climate smart agriculture (CSA), poverty, and food security information and analysis in support of national policies.

The post is located in the Monitoring and Analysing Food and Agricultural Policies (MAFAP) programme within ESA. The MAFAP programme seeks to establish country owned and sustainable systems to monitor, analyse, and reform food and agricultural policies to enable more effective, efficient and inclusive policy frameworks in a growing number of developing and emerging economies. The Programme has been working in several developing countries to create sustainable policy monitoring systems and carry out a consistent set of policy and public expenditure analyses across a wide range of agricultural value chains. To do this, MAFAP works with government institutions, research organizations and other partners to establish a community of practice on policy measurement, monitoring and analysis by developing institutional capacities to systematically analyse government policies and their effects. MAFAP analysis are used to inform targeted food and agricultural policy reforms that will result in a more conducive environment for agricultural investment and productivity growth, especially for smallholder farmers. As such, MAFAP supports most of FAO strategic objectives, an in particular that of enabling inclusive and efficient agricultural and food systems.

Reporting Lines

The Economist reports to the Senior Economist, leading the MAFAP programme and is under the overall guidance of the Deputy-Director of ESA. He/she will contribute to the delivery of outputs and products as described in the MAFAP programme result framework.

Technical Focus

The Economist supports the implementation of the two core components of the MAFAP programme: that is, policy monitoring and policy impact analyses, in selected countries. This includes establishing and/or strengthening in-country partnerships with Government and research institutions, articulating policy options, in order to engage in the use of policy monitoring and analysis tools to support suitable government reforms based on Governments' policy priorities, commitments and demand. Furthermore, it includes implementing policy monitoring by means of estimating and updating indicators and duly document them through the related analytical products.

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 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

- Delivers, revises and finalizes Price Incentives (PI) and Public Expenditure (PE) indicators updates for selected MAFAP countries;
- Supports the dissemination at country level of analytical products related to policy monitoring indicators through the identified channels in selected MAFAP countries;
- Drafts and/or reviews analytical dashboards and country synthesis notes for selected MAFAP countries, before publication;
- Supports the production of policy monitoring indicators analyses, in particular global analysis and/or cross country comparisons studies on agricultural policy support, as required;
- Supports the definition and validation of the refinements and consistent applications of the methodological guidelines for PI and PE analysis;
- Contributes to the effective implementation of other strategic partnerships with development partners involved in policy monitoring activities (OECD, IFPRI, World Bank, etc.) concerning the focus countries;
- Identifies, in collaboration with country stakeholders, the main policy constraints limiting agricultural development in the selected countries;
- Supports and contributes to the research work plan on policy options and initiates preliminary analyses of alternative policy options, as identified and agreed with the government, by applying specific ex post and/or ex ante analysis methodologies, in coordination with the MAFAP method team;
- Facilitates the articulation of priority policy reform options through dissemination of analytical results, policy dialogue and high-level consultations with key government partners/institutions;
- Supervises the work of junior consultants within the MAFAP team;
- Supports ESA policy and intelligence unit as appropriate, particularly as a step to institutionalize MAFAP type of work within FAO.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in economics, agricultural economics, development studies, social sciences or a related field;
- Five years of relevant experience in policy and quantitative analysis of food and agricultural issues;
- 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 and knowledge in conducting quantitative economic analysis, including analysis of agricultural policy distortions and public expenditure for the food and agricultural sector;
- Extent and relevance of experience in formulating and implementing analytical and policy studies such as policy monitoring indicators analyses, in particular global analysis and/or cross country comparisons studies on agricultural policy support;
- Familiarity with relevant quantitative methods to assess the impact of trade, input subsidies, market policies and public expenditures on the food and agricultural sector;
- Ability to analyse complex policy issues and supervise the work of experts engaged in such kind of analyses;
- Demonstrated experience in drafting technical reports and papers in English is considered a strong asset;
- Working knowledge of French is desirable.

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
- 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

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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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