



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Vacancy Announcement No: IRC5922

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Deadline For Application: 11 December 2018

Position Title:	Economist (Policy Engagement)	Grade Level:	P-4
		Duty Station:	Italy, Rome
Organizational Unit:	Agricultural Development Economics Division, ESA	Duration *:	Fixed term: one year (with possibility of extension)
		Post Number:	2007024
		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 Manager of the MAFAP programme and is under the overall supervision 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 will engage in policy engagement activities. He/she will coordinate MAFAP activities on policy advice and advocacy, and will be responsible for the formulation and implementation of engagement strategies to ensure that technical analyses are used for policy reform in partner countries. He/she will be familiar with policy advice and advocacy efforts in an international development setting, preferably on agricultural and/or food security policy issues. She/he will work in close coordination with the other members of the MAFAP team and ESA at large as deemed necessary.

Key Results

Comprehensive technical, statistical, analytical and/or policy analysis services and the development of specialized tools, methodologies, systems and/or databases to support the planning, implementation/delivery and monitoring of the programme of work and related products, projects, publications, and services.

Key Functions

- Plans and leads components of multidisciplinary teams and short-term work groups, leads and/or participates in divisional/departmental teams, participates in Organization-wide committees, project teams, and working groups and provides specialized expertise on international technical networks and or technical policy and standard setting bodies;
- Develops technical, statistical, analytical, monitoring and reporting frameworks, and related tools, methodologies, systems and databases etc. to support the planning, implementation/delivery and monitoring of the programmes of work, products, projects, and services;

- Designs and conducts research, data collection, validation, analysis and/or reporting activities to support the development of technical standards, international instruments, innovative tools and methodologies, flagship publications/technical reports and/or policy proposals as well as the provision of technical specialist and/or policy advice and expertise;
- Responds to requests and provides technical/policy advice, assistance and solutions to Regional, Subregional, and Country Offices and provides technical backstopping to field projects;
- Promotes international cooperation and collaboration, advocates best practices and increased policy dialogue and provides technical expertise at international meetings and conferences;
- Collaborates in capacity development activities involving knowledge sharing, the organization of training workshops, seminars and meetings as well as the development of related materials and online tools and information kits;
- Participates in resource mobilization activities in accordance with Corporate strategy and Departmental plans.

Specific Functions

- Leads and coordinates the preparation of political economy assessments aimed at developing a better understanding of the relevance of MAFAP's policy impact analyses;
- Supports the preparation of analytical studies on specific agricultural policy issues in selected countries, including: (i) input, market, trade and price policies that influence value chain performances (ii) value chain and commodity market analysis (iii) price, price stabilization, and stock policies (iv) policy coherence analysis and (v) other emerging issues, such as changing farm structure and emergence of global value chains and their impacts on food supplies and prices;
- Oversees the formulation and implementation of policy engagement strategies to promote the uptake of technical policy analyses in national policy processes and dialogues;
- Provides day-to-day guidance to MAFAP colleagues on interaction with senior policy-makers and on policy advice strategies, including in politically complex and sensitive policy areas;
- Supervises the drafting of actionable and high-quality policy recommendations and policy briefs;
- Leads high-level policy meetings, roundtables or other events related to food and agricultural policy reform in developing countries;
- Coordinates partnerships with non-government stakeholders, in particular with civil society organizations, donors, farmers' organizations and the private sector, around specific policy issues;
- Coordinates MAFAP's engagement activities and impact in a dedicated Policy Issues Database;
- Supports the MAFAP manager in the communication and promotion activities of the programme by updating website contents, publishing reports and identifying new 'innovative' modalities to promote and disseminate the MAFAP policy monitoring work;
- Supports ESA policy support 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, international relations, political science or a related field;
- Seven years of relevant experience in policy and economic analysis of food and agricultural issues, international relations, political science, development studies or related areas;
- 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 with policy advice or advocacy activities on international development issues, and affinity with the topics of agricultural development and/or food security, preferably in sub-Saharan Africa and/or South Asia;
- Extent and relevance of experience in the conception, design and management of policy engagement strategies;
- Extent and relevance of experience in economic and policy analysis of issues in food and agriculture at a national scale;
- Ability to mobilize resources;
- Demonstrated experience in drafting technical reports and papers in English, is considered a strong asset;
- Working knowledge of French is desirable.

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

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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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