



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Vacancy Announcement No: IRC6061

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Deadline For Application: **28 January 2019**

Position Title:	Economist (Food Security Assessment And Early Warning)	Grade Level:	P-4
Organizational Unit:	Trade and Markets Division, EST	Duty Station:	Italy, Rome
		Duration *:	Fixed term: 2 years with possibility of extension
		Post Number:	0732958
		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 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 Group managing the Global Information and Early Warning System (GIEWS).

Reporting Lines

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

Technical Focus

The Economist will be responsible for the planning and preparation of analytical appraisals of current and prospective food security situations in assigned regions and countries, including conducting field missions.

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 multi-disciplinary teams and short term work groups, leads and/or participates in Division/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, Sub-Regional, 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 on-line tools and information kits.

- Participates in resource mobilization activities in accordance with the Corporate Strategy and Departmental plans.

Specific Functions

- Analyse the food supply/demand situations in the countries or regions of assignment and monitor available information (including satellite-based imagery) on crop prospects, food production and consumption, trade, stocks, prices and policies.
- Contribute to Global Information and Early Warning System (GIEWS) analysis and reports, including special alerts for issuance to the international community on specific food security situations.
- Participate in the development and updating of GIEWS methodologies for supply/demand analysis and food security and vulnerability assessment.
- Prepare recommendations for food security interventions based on analysis of food security indicators for the countries or regions of assignment.
- Organize, participate in, or lead Crop and Food Security Assessment Missions (CFSAMs) and other special ad-hoc missions to countries facing impending food crisis to assess agricultural production and food supply situation, including emerging food deficits, which may require international assistance.
- Build and support networks at country and regional levels to assure the regular flow of food security related information to GIEWS, and provide technical support on crop and food security monitoring and assessment methods.
- Maintain close collaboration with other FAO units, FAO Representations as well as relevant national and international institutions and NGOs.
- Provide contributions to SP5 analytical work and publications, including the regular updates of the Global Report on Food Crises; the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC); Global Platform and the Food Security Information Network (FSIN); and the Early Warning Early Action Report.
- Participate in media interviews related to food supply/demand outlook and food security situation in the assigned countries.
- Provide technical support to capacity building projects in the areas of early warning information systems and other market and food security analysis, in the assigned countries or regions.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in economics, agricultural economics, agriculture or a related field
- Seven years of relevant experience in economic analysis and food security monitoring/assessment 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 monitoring, analysis and assessment of food security at regional and country level for early warning.
- Depth of familiarity with relevant information systems on food and agriculture and methods of monitoring food security.
- Extent and relevance of experience in planning and conducting economic analysis related to food production, consumption, stocks, trade, policies and prices of basic food commodities.
- Extent and relevance of experience in liaising and establishing collaborative arrangements with national and international organizations in relation to early warning for food security.
- 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.
- Ability to mobilize resources.

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

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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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