



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Vacancy Announcement No: IRC6121

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Deadline For Application: 19 February 2019

Position Title:	Economist (Socio-Economics)	Grade Level:	P-4
		Duty Station:	United Arab Emirates, Abu Dhabi
Organizational Unit:	Subregional Office for the Gulf Cooperation Council States and Yemen, SNG	Duration *:	Fixed term: one year (with possibility of extension)
		Post Number:	2007086
		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

FAO's Subregional Office for the Gulf Cooperation Council States and Yemen (SNG) is responsible for developing, promoting, overseeing and implementing agreed strategies for addressing subregional food, agriculture and rural development priorities. It develops and maintains relations with subregion-wide institutions including Regional Economic Integration Organizations (REIOs). It assists the FAO Representations in the subregion with addressing subregional food security, agriculture and rural development issues at country level. The Subregional Office is a subsidiary of FAO's Regional Office for the Near East and North Africa (RNE).

The post is located in the United Arab Emirates, Abu Dhabi.

Reporting Lines

The Economist (Socio-Economics) reports to the Subregional Coordinator for the Gulf Cooperation Council States and Yemen under functional guidance of the relevant technical divisions in headquarters, to ensure corporate technical coherence and quality.

Technical Focus

Support institutions and member countries in the subregion in the development and implementation of programmes and policies and good governance processes related to food systems, agriculture and rural development, in line with FAO's Strategic Framework. Work towards food security and the development of inclusive and sustainable agriculture and fisheries sectors, with particular focus on trade, markets and value chain issues.

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 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, 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, in collaboration with the Business Development and Resource Mobilization Division (PSR).

Specific Functions

- Conducts analytical studies on rural development, agriculture and fisheries, including (i) trade and domestic policies; (ii) value chain and market integration; and (iii) social and economic assessments;
- Supports efforts to collect and report agricultural and fisheries data, including preparing Food Balance Sheets (FBS), and rural livelihoods statistics;
- 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 programme of work, products, projects and services in the subregion;
- Designs and conducts research, assessments, data collection, validation processes, 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;
- Supports countries in monitoring progress made on Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) indicators;
- Advises the Government of the United Arab Emirates on the implementation of the United Arab Emirates Food Diversification Policy and Implementation Strategy 2018-2030;
- Responds to requests and provides technical/policy advice, assistance and solutions and provides technical backstopping to field projects and formulates related project documents and work plans;
- Supports identification of technical specialists;
- 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;
- Promotes and participates in collaborative programmes and activities across sectors towards sustainable food systems and poverty reduction;
- Liaises with other FAO Decentralized Offices, Strategic Programme Teams and technical divisions to ensure collaboration in planning, monitoring and implementation of aforementioned activities;
- Performs other duties as required.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in economics, agricultural economics or a related field;
- Seven years of relevant experience in economic and quantitative analysis of food and agricultural issues, natural resources use, food demand 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 and knowledge in policy analysis and advice relating to food and nutrition security, sustainable agriculture, sustainable fisheries and rural development;
- Extent and relevance of experience in formulating and implementing programmes and projects and ability to mobilize resources;
- Extent and relevance of experience in conducting quantitative economic analysis, economic modeling, and applying econometric techniques in one or more of the relevant subject areas;
- Familiarity with simulation techniques;
- Demonstrated ability to analyse technical and scientific information; to write clearly and concisely, edit technical reports and make effective oral presentations;
- Extent and relevance of experience in organizing and leading meetings and training activities at national and regional level;
- Understanding of complex policy and economic processes;
- Relevance and extent of knowledge and experience in working across government entities at federal and local level, and with multidisciplinary teams;
- Record of publishing of relevant research in internationally recognized scientific journals.

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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