



POSITION TITLE:	Policy Officer	GRADE LEVEL:	P-4
		DUTY STATION:	Rome
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Policy Assistance Support Service, TCSP	DURATION *:	12 months
	Policy and Programme Development Support Division, TCS	POST CODE/N°:	2003565
	Technical Cooperation Department	CCOG CODE:	1E02

**Applications from qualified women as well as from qualified nationals of non-and under-represented member countries are encouraged
Persons with disabilities are equally encouraged to apply
All applications will be treated with the strictest confidence**

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the technical guidance of the Chief, TCSP, in collaboration with the other FAO project experts and the FAO Subregional Office for West Africa (SFW), Accra, and the operational guidance of SFW, the incumbent will advise the Economic Community for West African States (ECOWAS) and its members in aligning their food security and agricultural development policies and investment programmes with the principles and targets of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP). In particular, will:

- assist in capacity needs assessment of the ECOWAS Regional Agriculture and Food Agency and prepare proposals for its strengthening;
- lead the review and alignment of institutional and policy frameworks for the effective functioning of the Regional Agency (RAAF);
- advise on prioritization of investment areas for the ECOWAS-CAADP Regional Agriculture Investment Programme (RAIP);
- organize training seminars and workshops to enhance the analytical skills of national and regional experts involved in the formulation of regional and national investment programmes;
- prepare detailed terms of reference, as appropriate, for and provide guidance to a team and individual consultants for the formulation of regional investment programmes to operationalize RAIP and assist in the supervision of their work;
- lead analysis of national and regional policies aimed at creating a conducive policy environment for the successful outcome of the CAADP agricultural investment programmes formulated under the project;
- contribute to the organization and implementation of seminars and meetings to facilitate the exchange of experiences with focus on policy formulation, implementation and monitoring and evaluation processes;
- organize and deliver training on: (i) Sector Wide Approach (SWAP); (ii) Logical framework approach; (iii) Process, procedure and methodology of public expenditure reviews; and (iv) Planning and budgeting in Standard Project Cost Table (COSTAB);
- prepare project progress reports for submission to the donor and ECOWAS;
- perform other duties as required

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced degree in agricultural or development economics, economics, rural development, or a related field
- Seven years of relevant experience in the practical application of policy analysis in agricultural and rural development issues, including experience in developing countries, especially in Africa
- Working knowledge of English and French

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent and relevance of experience in formulating agricultural and rural development policies
- Extent of experience in dealing with senior government officials, development partners and beneficiaries in the context of policy and/or investment operations
- Good communication skills, both oral and in writing
- Familiarity with CAADP and the policy issues affecting food security and agricultural development in the ECOWAS region
- Willingness to travel frequently outside the duty station

Please note that all candidates should possess computer/word processing skills and should be capable of working with people of different national and cultural backgrounds.

* **The length of appointment for internal FAO candidates will be established in accordance with applicable policies pertaining to the extension of appointments**

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TO APPLY: Carefully read and follow the Guidelines to applicants

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