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Deadline For Application: 1 October 2009

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POSITION TITLE:	<b>Economist</b>	GRADE LEVEL:	<b>P4</b>
		DUTY STATION:	<b>Rome</b>
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	<b>Agricultural Development Economics Division, ESA</b>	DURATION *:	<b>Fixed term: 3 years</b>
	Economic and Social Development Department	POST CODE/N°:	<b>C/0088900</b>
		CCOG CODE:	<b>1E02</b>

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#### DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the supervision of the Director, ESA and as member of one or more task teams will:

- undertake collaborative analytical work with regional partners and relevant stakeholders in agricultural and food policy analysis, examining production, distribution, trade and consumption issues;
- prepare ESA outputs such as policy briefs, working papers, and peer-reviewed papers as identified in the work plans;
- work in partnership with ESA team members in backstopping certain activities at national and regional level, including country programmes managed by the Technical Cooperation Department;
- collaborate with regional partners and other FAO technical divisions in strengthening methods in agricultural and food policy analysis;
- participate in external meetings related to food policy, food security, and agricultural and rural development;
- perform other related duties as required

#### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced university degree in agricultural economics or economics or related field
- Seven years of relevant experience in agricultural and food policy analysis
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two

#### SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent and relevance of experience in agricultural and food policy analysis, including quantitative skills
- Ability to expound complex concepts and analytical results in oral and written English to audiences with differing levels of technical expertise
- Demonstrated experience in capacity building and training
- Quality and relevance of publications record
- Quality of both oral and written communication skills
- Relevance and level of academic qualifications

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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#### REMUNERATION

Level P-4 carries a net salary per year (inclusive of a variable element for post adjustment) from USD 105,738 to USD 132,577 (without dependants) and from USD 113,548 to USD 143,191 (with dependants)

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#### TO APPLY: Carefully read and follow the Guidelines to applicants

Send your application to: V.A 2214-ESA  
Agricultural Development Economics Division  
FAO Viale delle Terme di Caracalla 00153 Rome ITALY  
Fax No: +39 06 57055522  
E-mail: ESAF-Vacancies@fao.org

*This vacancy is open to male and female candidates. Applications from qualified women candidates and applications from qualified candidates from non/under-represented member states are encouraged. Please note that FAO staff members are international civil servants subject to the authority of the Director-General and may be assigned to any activities or office of the organization.*

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# GUIDELINES TO APPLICANTS

Examine carefully the relevancy of your qualifications by reviewing the Duties & Responsibilities of the position and the requirements that are needed in order to perform the job successfully.

## HOW TO APPLY

Please provide a **completed FAO Personal History Form**, found on the Internet site.

- Your application should be typewritten (where possible), signed and dated.
- Clearly indicate in the appropriate box on the Personal History Form and on the front of your application, the title of the post and the Vacancy Number.
- Submit a separate application for each position for which you are applying.
- Send your application to the address (mail, e-mail, or fax) indicated on the Vacancy Announcement.
- Internal candidates should provide 10 copies of their application.

*Applicants will be contacted directly if selected for an interview.*

## FILLING IN THE FAO PERSONAL HISTORY FORM

### LANGUAGE SKILLS

Please list the languages with which you are familiar, beginning with your mother tongue, indicating the extent of your knowledge as:

- Excellent/Good = Working knowledge: You will be expected to work independently using the language required, to prepare a variety of written communications (correspondence, reports, working papers, etc...), to participate actively in meetings and in work-related discussions, etc.
- Fair = Limited knowledge: You will be expected to follow work related discussions or meetings, even though you may wish to intervene in another official language. You will be expected to participate in simple conversations, to use the telephone, to read and understand work-related texts and to write simple communications, etc.
- Slight

### COMPUTER SKILLS

- Indicate your word processing skills and knowledge of database/spreadsheet (e.g. Excel, Access), or any other office automation software known and used.
- If applicable, specify your work experience in data entry/retrieval and programming skills. Indicate knowledge of programming languages and operating systems.

### ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

Starting with the present and going in back in time, please give details of:

- Period of study with name and location of the academic institution,
- Title of study obtained, both in the original language and in English, indicating the subject(s) of specialization and year degree\* was/is to be awarded,
- List any other relevant training or formal education that may be relevant to your application.

*If selected for an interview, you will be expected to provide FAO with certified copies of your academic qualifications.*

*\* A university degree is a title of study substantiated by at least 3 years of full time study (equivalent to a BA or BSc) from a bona fide institution. An advanced university degree is equivalent to a Masters degree.*

### EXPERIENCE

- Relevant professional experience is counted from the time of attainment of the first relevant degree.
- Endeavour to demonstrate how your experience meets the requirements of the post.

### OTHER INFORMATION

- If applicable, give the number of publications and provide a list and the dates of the most relevant publications.
- Provide samples of written work only upon request.