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Deadline For Application: 8 August 2014

POSITION TITLE:	Senior Food Security Officer	GRADE LEVEL:	P-5
		DUTY STATION:	Rome
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Agricultural Development Economics Division (ESA)	DURATION *:	Fixed term: two years
	Economic and Social Development Department (ES)	POST NUMBER:	0447021
		CCOG CODE:	1.E.02

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) is the focal point for FAO's economic research and policy analysis for food security and sustainable development. The Division focuses on analysis of agricultural and rural development programmes and projects and produces studies on agriculture in the overall economic development process, poverty reduction, comparing agricultural development at country and regional levels, and on the situation and trends of world food security. The Secretariat of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) is housed in ESA, CFS is the foremost inclusive platform for all stakeholders to work together to ensure food security and nutrition for all.

Reporting Lines

The Senior Food Security officer reports to Director of ESA, while the Secretary of CFS acts as a multirater.

Technical Focus

Provides technical guidance on food security and nutrition policy issues to the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) through the Secretariat and its subsidiary bodies, and manages the CFS programme of work and budget assigned to her/him..

Key Results

Leadership and conceptual thinking for the development and implementation of comprehensive technical, statistical and/or analytical frameworks to support the programme of work and related products, projects and services in accordance with the FAO Strategic Framework

Key Functions

- plans, manages, or leads highly specialized or multi-disciplinary teams, leads, coordinates, and/or participates on Organization-wide, cross-Departmental committees, project teams, and working groups, and/or provides technical leadership/secretariat services on technical networks and/or international technical policy and standard setting bodies.
- analyzes global and country specific requirements as well as agricultural, economic, social, environmental factors to provide critical input into the FAO Strategic Framework, Programme of Work as well as Detailed Work Plans and the supporting budgets and/or resourcing strategies.
- implements and monitors work programmes involving the conception and development of comprehensive statistical and/or analytical frameworks including early warning, medium and long term plans and strategies, cutting edge tools, methods, systems and databases, critical indicators, and/or policy models, etc.
- oversees and reviews data collection, validation, analysis and reporting activities to support the development of technical standards, international instruments, innovation, FAO flagship publications/yearbooks, and/or on-going programme development as well as technical and/or policy advisory services.
- provides technical and policy advice to Member Countries and technical support to decentralized offices in the development and implementation of their programmes of work.
- plans, organizes and participates in capacity development activities involving the provision of advice, technical assistance projects, training workshops, seminars, and meetings as well as oversees the development of related materials, on-line tools and information kits.
- represents the Organization at international/inter-governmental meetings and conferences, advocates strategic partnerships, best practices, and increased policy dialogue and develops and negotiates effective working relationships/consensus and agreements with international and national partners.
- leads and/or participates in resource mobilization activities in accordance with the Corporate strategy.
- performs other duties as required.

Specific Functions

- provides technical inputs to CFS activities on food security and nutrition issues, including in the domains of policy advice, analysis, and monitoring and evaluation
- liaises with food security and nutrition technical experts in relevant FAO technical units, IFAD, WFP and the other constituencies of the CFS Advisory Group.
- manages the programme of work and budget for those areas he/she is assigned to lead
- prepares briefs highlighting the salient points of CFS debates towards enhancing global food security and nutrition governance
- reviews and provides technical clearance of documents for consideration by CFS plenary and inter-sessional activities

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in agricultural economics, economics or related field
- Ten years of relevant experience in food security policy advice and analysis, and including monitoring and evaluation of policies and programmes
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese, Russian

Competencies

- Results Focus
- Leading, Engaging and Empowering
- Communication
- Partnering and Advocating
- Knowledge Sharing and Continuous Improvement
- Strategic Thinking

Technical/Functional Skills

- Relevance and extent of experience in food security and nutrition analysis, policy advice and/or food security governance
- Relevance and extent of knowledge and experience in working with inter-governmental bodies and multi-disciplinary teams
- Relevance and extent of academic qualifications is considered a strong asset
- Work experience in more than one location or area of work, particularly in field positions is essential

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.
- Evaluation of qualified candidates may include an assessment exercise which will be followed by a competency-based interview.
- 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.
- 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 2 years.
- Candidates may be requested to provide performance assessments.

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Candidates are requested to attach a letter of motivation to the online profile.

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If you need help, or have queries, please contact: iRecruitment@fao.org

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