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POSITION TITLE:	Economist (Trade and Food Security)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-4
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Liaison office in Geneva (LOG)	DUTY STATION:	Geneva, Switzerland
		DURATION *:	Fixed-term: 2 years
		POST NUMBER:	2001488
		CCOG CODE:	1E02

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 Liaison Offices have been established at locations where many UN system organizations and other international, intergovernmental or non-governmental associations or organizations are working. They maintain relations with Members and external development partners operating in these locations. They monitor developments affecting nutrition, food and agriculture and represent the Organization at meetings which address matters that fall within the mandate of FAO.

The post is located in the Liaison office in Geneva (LOG) under the functional guidance of the Director, Trade and Markets Division (EST) and in consultation with other relevant technical units of the Organization.

Reporting Lines

The Economist reports to the Director, FAO liaison Office

Technical Focus

Developments in the context of the multilateral trading system with regard to the World Trade Organization as well as other Geneva based trade institutions and country representations on the areas of trade and food security.

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 on Division/Departmental teams, participates on 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 Corporate strategy and Departmental plans.

Specific Functions

- Monitors the multilateral trade negotiations at the World Trade Organization (WTO) and prepares analytical studies/reports on aspects having an impact on food security, including on world market volatility in agricultural commodities and approaches to mitigate its effects;
- Monitors international policy developments in Geneva of relevance to the mandate of FAO, including inter alia: the right to food, food security and nutrition, investment in agriculture, trade and environment, intellectual property and farmer rights, regulations on food quality and safety standards, and other issues of relevant to agricultural trade and food security;
- Provides visibility to FAO's work on trade and food security, ensures close collaboration with the relevant Headquarters Units on major issues, and makes them aware of developments and initiatives in Geneva of relevance to FAO's mandate;
- Contributes to establishing partnership with key officials in WTO, UNCTAD, ITC, ILO, WIPO, WHO, IOM, and other relevant partners on issues related to FAO's mandate;

- In close collaboration with the relevant Headquarters technical divisions responds to requests from Permanent Missions in Geneva on FAO's position and recommendations with regard to specific questions pertaining to agricultural trade and food security policies, identifies opportunities for briefing/training country negotiators in Geneva;
- Facilitates the organization of workshops and seminars in collaboration with other concerned partners, on trade negotiations and food security;
- Prepares statements for the Director, LOG on FAO's position on specific topics related to agricultural trade, food security and climate change issues.

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 international trade policy, the multilateral trading system, agricultural commodities and food security analysis & policies
- Working knowledge of English and limited knowledge of French

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
- Relevance and extent of experience in international trade issues, in particular as regards the multilateral trading system, agricultural commodities and agricultural trade policies
- Good understanding of food security issues in relation to agriculture and food trade policies
- Demonstrated technical ability in analysing agricultural trade and market developments, trade and investment, trade and Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs), and the impact of these on developing countries
- Experience in the organization and conduct of international meetings
- Extent and relevance of academic qualifications (a Ph.D. in a relevant field is considered a strong asset)

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.

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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