



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

PROFESSIONAL VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT N°: 2555-ESS

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Deadline For Application: 8 July 2011

POSITION TITLE:	SENIOR STATISTICIAN	GRADE LEVEL:	P-5
		DUTY STATION:	ROME
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Statistics Division, ESS	DURATION *:	Fixed Term: 3 years
	Economic and Social Development Department	POST CODE/N°:	unidentified
		CCOG CODE:	1M06

Applications from qualified women as well as from qualified nationals of non-and under-represented member countries are encouraged

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the general supervision of the Director, ESS, the incumbent will lead a team tasked with planning and implementing a programme of work in statistical methodology and capacity development in the area of agricultural censuses and surveys. In particular, the incumbent will:

- develop and document appropriate methodologies for data collection and analysis of agricultural censuses and surveys;
- develop concepts, definitions, standards and classifications related to food and agricultural statistics;
- monitor developments in national food and agricultural statistics systems, identify emerging topics that require research, and evolve related methodologies;
- prepare technical articles, working papers, books and training materials and document best practices in food and agricultural statistics;
- promote the development of country capacity to design, conduct and analyze agricultural censuses and surveys; assess statistical capacity building needs and develop strategies to address these needs; formulate technical assistance projects in the field of food and agricultural statistics;
- provide technical advice in statistical methodology to developing countries; organize technical meetings to review and exchange methodological experiences;
- represent FAO in official meetings and promote the development of country capacity to collect, analyze and use statistics related to food and agriculture;
- participate in the planning and management of the Division's work programme;
- perform other related duties as required.

***This vacancy supersedes VA 2492-ESS. Applicants to this VA who fully meet the minimum requirements need not re-apply as they will be taken automatically into consideration.**

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced university degree in Statistics, Economics or related field
- Ten years of relevant experience in the collection, compilation and analysis of food and agricultural statistics, including through statistical censuses and surveys
- Working knowledge of English and limited knowledge of one of the other official languages of the Organization (French, Spanish, Russian, Arabic or Chinese)

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent and relevance of experience in preparing methodological documents and conducting studies and research in agricultural statistics
- Extent and relevance of experience in planning and conducting agricultural censuses and surveys
- Extent and relevance of experience in the formulation of technical assistance projects, provision of technical support and preparation/implementation of training programmes in agricultural censuses and surveys
- Ability to raise funds as well as to design effective resource mobilization strategies for agricultural censuses and surveys
- Excellent oral and written communication skills and strength of publication record
- Extent of experience in leading and supervise multi-cultural teams and delivering a results-based programme of work
- Extent and relevance of educational 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**

REMUNERATION

A competitive compensation and benefits package is offered. For information on UN salaries, allowances and benefits, click on the following link: <http://icsc.un.org/>

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

Send your application to:

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