



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

**PROFESSIONAL VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT N°: ESA-777-12-PRJ**

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Deadline For Application: **26 March 2012**

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<b>POSITION TITLE:</b>	<b>Senior Economist</b> (IPC Programme Manager)	<b>GRADE LEVEL:</b>	<b>P-5</b>
<b>ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:</b>	<b>Agricultural Development Economics Division, ESA</b> Economic and Social Development Department, ES	<b>DUTY STATION:</b>	<b>Rome</b>
		<b>DURATION *:</b>	<b>Fixed Term: 24 months (with possibility of extension)</b>
		<b>POST CODE/N°:</b>	<b>unidentified</b>
		<b>CCOG CODE:</b>	<b>1E02</b>

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**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

Under the overall guidance of the Director, ESA, and in close collaboration with other FAO technical units and partner agencies involved, the incumbent will support the development of the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) Programme. In accordance with the Global IPC Partnership Programme objectives (more information under [www.ipcinfo.org](http://www.ipcinfo.org)), the incumbent will:

- develop a multi-year IPC strategy and vision for endorsement by the IPC Steering Committee;
- lead the negotiation process with donors and oversee the preparation of proposals for possible complementary funding and the use of existing grants;
- oversee the management, administration and implementation of the project, including the preparation of annual work plans in consultation with FAO professional staff and immediate collaborating partners concerned (IPC Global Partners) and endorsed by the IPC Steering Committee;
- coordinate the work of the IPC Technical Manager and the Technical Advisory Group, and oversee technical development activities included in the multi-year work plan endorsed by the Steering Committee;
- manage and oversee the work of the Global Support Unit (GSU), clarifying the reporting lines between the GSU and the regional level;
- report quarterly to the Steering Committee on progress against agreed outputs and challenges, including implementation of the recommendations of the recent evaluations of the IPC;
- ensure implementation of a standard lessons learning process including feedback;
- oversee capacity-building activities, including development of relevant training of trainers and training materials;
- oversee the production of IPC communication products, e.g. Web site, IPC Newsletter etc;
- perform other related duties as required.

**\*\* PROMOTION TO THIS POST IS FOR THE DURATION OF ASSIGNMENT ONLY**

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS**

*Candidates should meet the following:*

- Advanced university degree in agricultural economics, economics, development studies, or related social sciences (a PhD or equivalent degree will count for two years of professional experience)
- Ten years of relevant experience in the humanitarian and food security sectors in both emergency and development contexts
- Working knowledge of English

**SELECTION CRITERIA**

*Candidates will be assessed against the following:*

- Demonstrated experience in managing for results, adapting to change, and leading successful teams Extent of experience in leading early warning and food security information, analysis and research work, including the application of the IPC at field level
- Proven successful experience in programme development and in promoting multi-stakeholders initiatives
- Extent and level of knowledge of economic and quantitative analysis with specific reference to social, gender and development issues
- Quality of both oral and written communication skills Relevance and quality of publications records
- Working knowledge of a second official language would be an asset
- Level and relevance 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**

**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/>

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

Send your application to:

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E-mail: [VA-ESA-777-12-PRJ@fao.org](mailto:VA-ESA-777-12-PRJ@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

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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.

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### 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.