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POSITION TITLE:	Senior Trade Policy Officer	GRADE LEVEL:	P-5
		DUTY STATION:	Accra, Ghana
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Regional Office for Africa (RAF)	DURATION *:	Fixed-term: 3 years
		POST CODE/N ^o :	Unidentified
		CCOG CODE:	1E02

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

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the supervision of the ADG/Regional Representative for Africa, RAF and the functional guidance of the Director, Trade and Markets Division, EST, the incumbent will advise the planning and delivery of trade policy support to Member Countries and Subregional economic integration organizations in the region. In particular, the incumbent will:

- Plan and conduct analyses on agricultural trade policy issues for the region, including assessments of impacts of existing and proposed trade agreements on international trade in agricultural commodities and their impact on food security and the development concerns of countries in the region, taking into account gender specific concerns that may play a role in such policies and agreements;
- Advise the Regional Representative on the activities related to trade and commodities of the FAO regional programme of work and ensure the implementation of relevant programmes;
- Deliver technical support and capacity development to Member Countries on agricultural trade policy issues, particularly in relation to the multilateral and regional trading systems and trade negotiations at the multilateral, regional and bilateral levels;
- Design, implement and manage commodity and trade policy projects and activities that are cognizant of and build on the comparative advantages of different countries in the region and the different actors operating in the agricultural sector;
- Promote intra-regional trade as a mechanism to ensure national food security and enhance Member Countries' capacities to mitigate the impact of food price shocks;
- Lead and coordinate regional technical meetings, workshops and conferences on commodities, value chain development and trade policy issues, including preparation of background documents and reporting related results; represent FAO at intergovernmental and other meetings as required;
- Foster, strengthen and manage strategic partnerships with Member Countries, regional and sub-regional organizations and Economic Communities;
- Perform other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced university degree in agricultural economics or economics preferably at the Ph.D level
- Ten years of relevant experience in agricultural trade and trade policy analysis, including working experience in the Region
- Working knowledge of English and French

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Relevance of academic qualifications
- Extent of analytical experience on agricultural trade policy issues, including analysis of the impact of trade agreements
- Depth of knowledge of the problems of African agriculture, commodity, trade policy issues and of multilateral and regional trade negotiations and agreements
- Extent of experience in the design and management of agricultural trade policy projects
- Extent of experience in managing multidisciplinary and multicultural teams
- Demonstrated ability in communicating and working with senior government officials
- Depth of knowledge of quantitative techniques and their application to analysis of trade and market/commodity related issues

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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