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Deadline For Application: 28 April 2011

POSITION TITLE:	Economist	GRADE LEVEL:	P-2
		DUTY STATION:	Rome
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Near East, North Africa, Europe, Central and South Asia Service, TCIN	DURATION *:	12 months
	Investment Centre Division, TCI	POST CODE/N°:	unidentified
	Technical Cooperation Department	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

The FAO Investment Centre Division (TCI) promotes investment in agriculture, rural development and food security (ARDFS) in developing countries and countries in transition, assisting governments, international financing institutions and other development partners to achieve sustainable growth, poverty alleviation and food security

Under the overall guidance of the Director, TCI, and the direct supervision of the Chief, TCIN, and as a member of multidisciplinary teams, the incumbent will be responsible for the financial and economic aspects of agricultural and rural development investment operations. In particular, the incumbent will:

- assist in identification, preparation, supervision and post-evaluation of ARDFS investment projects and programmes;
- establish the feasibility of investment proposals through the analysis of market prospects, prices, costs and risks, and carrying out financial and economic analyses;
- interact at working level with government officials, development partners and beneficiaries to facilitate exchange of critical information and validate the findings and recommendations regarding investment proposals;
- provide backstopping in financial and economic analysis to national staff of Ministries and parastatal organizations promoting agriculture, livestock, forestry, and sustainable natural resources management; participate in training sessions on financial and economic analysis designed for such groups;
- participate in the review of investment implications of agricultural and rural development policies and national plans and programmes for poverty alleviation and food security;
- provide backstopping in the implementation of technical cooperation projects under the FAO/EBRD cooperative programme;
- participate in the analysis of agricultural subsectors in the context of the FAO/EBRD cooperative programme;
- contribute to financial and economic analyses within the context of investment planning by national governments and international financial institutions in order to advise on best options;
- perform other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- University degree in economics, agricultural economics, or related fields
- Three years of relevant experience in the field of agricultural development and in the practical application of economic analysis to development issues including experience in developing countries and countries in transition
- Working knowledge of English and French

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent and relevance of experience in financial and economic analysis of ARDFS investment operations in developing countries or countries in transition, specifically including the use of COSTAB and FARMOD software tools
- Length of exposure to the investment preparation and appraisal procedures of FAO's main development partners (WB, EBRD, IFAD, etc)
- Extent and relevance of experience in working with government officials, development partners and beneficiaries in the context of investment operations
- Good communication skills, both oral and written
- Knowledge of Russian would be an asset
- Willingness to travel frequently to developing countries and/or countries in transition

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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TO APPLY: Carefully read and follow the Guidelines to applicants

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