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Deadline For Application: 24 September 2013

POSITION TITLE:	Economist	GRADE LEVEL:	P-4
		DUTY STATION:	Rome
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Europe, Central Asia, Near East, North Africa, Latin America & the Caribbean Service, TCIC	DURATION *:	Fixed Term: 2 years
	Investment Centre Division, TCI	POST CODE/N°:	0024767
	Technical Cooperation Department, TC	CCOG CODE:	1E

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

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.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Investment Centre Division (TCI) promotes investment in agriculture and rural development in developing countries and countries in transition, assisting governments, international financing institutions (IFIs) and other development partners with the strategic planning and implementation of their investments to achieve growth, poverty alleviation, food security and nutrition goals. Under the overall supervision of the Director, TCI, and the supervision of the Chief, Europe, Central Asia, Near East, North Africa, Latin America & the Caribbean Service (TCIC), the incumbent will be responsible for the analysis, formulation and supervision/evaluation of investment operations for food security, nutrition, agriculture and rural development (FSNARD). In particular, the incumbent will:

- participate in, and eventually lead, multidisciplinary teams to advise governments and development partners in the identification, design and appraisal of investment projects/programmes in FSNARD, as well as in the related sector/subsector analytical work;
- assess the viability of investment options through studying marketing/agribusiness constraints/opportunities (market prospects, prices, costs and risks), and carrying out financial and economic analysis;
- evaluate the performance of investment projects/programmes during implementation and their impact after completion, and make recommendations for enhancing design of future operations;
- assess investment implications of agricultural and rural development policies and national plans and programmes to address poverty alleviation, food security, and climate change and other environmental challenges threatening vulnerable rural populations;
- prepare, enhance or evaluate analytical and operational methodologies and products (e.g. price monitoring systems) and related development strategies, plans and operations for investment implications, technical, financial and environmental feasibility, and compliance with national priorities and objectives, and formulate recommendations for strengthening marketing channels, including value chains in various subsectors;
- support development and implementation of capacity building activities to private and public stakeholders on FSNARD investment operations preparation, appraisal and implementation, and other topics related to agribusiness development, and productivity, marketing and credit issues;
- interact with senior government officials, development partners and other stakeholders to facilitate the exchange of critical information and validate findings and recommendations regarding investment proposals/initiatives;
- assist the Service Chief on field mission organization and terms of reference, selection of consultants and in ensuring the quality of the Service outputs;
- prepare clear and concise reports in line with the requirements of governments and financing partners;
- perform other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced University degree in economics, agricultural economics, agribusiness management or a closely related field
- Seven years of relevant experience in agricultural/rural sector/subsector analytical studies, and/or planning, design, supervision of FSNARD-related investment operations or technical assistance projects, including elaboration of feasibility studies and related field work in developing countries and/or countries in transition
- Working knowledge of English and either French, Spanish, Arabic or Russian

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent and relevance of experience in participating or leading multidisciplinary teams for FSNARD investment project/programme identification/formulation by international financial institutions and other development actors in countries of the regions covered by the Service, or other developing countries and countries in transition
- Extent and relevance of experience in agricultural sector/subsector analytical studies/reviews and programme evaluation, and/or preparation of national food security and poverty alleviation programmes
- Extent and relevance of experience in monitoring and evaluation of agriculture/rural development investment operations
- Extent and relevance of experience in capacity building for planning and implementation of agriculture/rural development and food security investments

- Proven experience in dealing with government officials, development partners and other country level stakeholders in the context of FSNARD investment operations
- Good communication skills, both orally and in writing
- Relevance of experience in different geographical areas and familiarity with the regions covered by the Service
- Experience in implementation of FSNARD investment operations is an asset
- Working knowledge of languages applicable to the specific region of assignment is an asset

N.B. Willingness to travel frequently to developing countries and/or countries in transition, and for geographic mobility reassignments

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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and complete the on-line application

In order for your application to be properly evaluated, please ensure that all sections of the on-line application are completed.

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