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Deadline For Application: 25 September 2013

POSITION TITLE:	Economist (Food Industries)	GRADE LEVEL:	P3
		DUTY STATION:	Rome, Italy
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Rural Infrastructure and Agro-industries Division, AGS	DURATION *:	Fixed Term: 2 years
	Agriculture and Consumer Protection Department, AG	POST CODE/N°:	0063983
		CCOG CODE:	1E

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

Under the overall supervision of the Director, AGS, and the direct supervision of the Senior Officer, Agro-food Industry Group, the incumbent will participate in the development and implementation of programme activities relating to socio-economic and managerial aspects of agro-food processing industries and post-harvest systems in developing countries. In particular, the incumbent will:

- analyze socio-economic issues, strategies and programmes to support the development, increased efficiency and improved impacts of agro-food processing industries and post-harvest systems in developing regions; assist FAO Members through reviews and provision of technical advice;
- participate in developing guidelines relating to socio-economic and managerial aspects of agro-food processing and post harvest systems development, including profitability appraisals, feasibility and competitiveness studies and contractual and partnership arrangements
- appraise capacity building needs relating to the development, increased competitiveness and improved impacts of agro-food processing industries and post-harvest systems; assist in developing training materials and participate in the conduct of training courses;
- participate in the design and implementation of programmes and projects relating to agro-food processing industries and post-harvest systems development; as requested, provide technical backstopping to field projects;
- contribute to the collection and dissemination of data and information related to trends on socio-economic and managerial aspects of agro-food processing industry and post-harvest systems development globally, including lessons and good practices for promoting and supporting development in these areas; support exchange of information and data through the Internet and other mechanisms;
- prepare information materials and technical papers for discussion and/or publication; prepare and participate in technical meetings;
- develop and maintain contacts with other organizations, associations and private sector firms working on agri-food processing and post-harvest systems in developing regions;
- perform other related duties, as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- University degree in agricultural engineering, food technology or a related field supplemented by formal studies (post-graduate or advanced level degree) in agribusiness, agricultural economics or business management
- Five years of relevant experience in the areas of agro-industry development, post-harvest systems or agri-food industry economics and management
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and a limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese or Russian

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent and relevance of experience in agro-industry development, including in developing countries
- Extent of knowledge of post-harvest, agro-processing, food loss and food waste issues
- Extent of experience in developing and implementing projects and programmes on agro-industry development, post-harvest handling and value added transformation, in developing regions
- Extent and relevance of experience in producing reports, technical papers and training materials in areas relevant to the position
- Quality of both oral and written communication skills on technical issues
- Capacity to work in a team and to interact with government and industry stakeholders

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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