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Deadline For Application: **05 December 2011**

<b>POSITION TITLE:</b>	<b>Economist</b>	<b>GRADE LEVEL:</b>	<b>P-4</b>
		<b>DUTY STATION:</b>	<b>Rome</b>
<b>ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:</b>	<b>Latin America, the Caribbean, East Asia and the Pacific Service, TCIO</b>	<b>DURATION *:</b>	<b>Fixed Term: 3 years</b>
	<b>Investment Centre Division, TCI</b>	<b>POST CODE/N°:</b>	<b>unidentified</b>
	Technical Cooperation Department	<b>CCOG CODE:</b>	<b>1E02</b>

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

**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 and other development partners to achieve growth, poverty alleviation and food security.

Under the overall guidance of the Director, TCI, and the supervision of the Chief, TCIO, and as member or leader of a multidisciplinary team, the incumbent will be responsible for financial, economic and marketing aspects of agricultural and rural development operations. In particular, the incumbent will:

- facilitate identification and preparation of investment projects and programmes;
- assess the feasibility of the proposals through studying market prospects, prices, costs and risks, and carrying out financial and economic analysis;
- evaluate performance of investment projects or programmes during implementation, and their impact after completion and make recommendations for future investments;
- assess investment implications of agricultural and rural development policies and national plans and programmes to address poverty alleviation, food security and climate change;
- develop and implement capacity building activities for private and public stakeholders on project preparation, appraisal and implementation and other related topics;
- enhance analytical and operational methodologies related to market analysis, economic and financial aspects, monitoring and evaluation and impact assessment;
- interact with senior government officials, development partners and beneficiaries to facilitate exchange of critical information and validate the findings and recommendations regarding the investment proposals;
- organize field missions and contribute to the quality control of Service outputs;
- perform other related duties as required;

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS**

*Candidates should meet the following:*

- Advanced university degree in Economics, Agricultural Economics, Natural Resource Economics or a closely related field
- Seven years of relevant experience in the practical application of economic analysis to development issues including in the identification and preparation of investment operations in agricultural and rural development in developing countries and/or countries in transition
- Working knowledge of English and limited knowledge of Chinese, French or Spanish

**SELECTION CRITERIA**

*Candidates will be assessed against the following:*

- Extent and relevance of experience in participating in or leading multidisciplinary teams for formulating agricultural and rural development investment operations, including market studies, economic and financial analysis
- Extent and relevance of experience in implementation support, monitoring and evaluation and impact assessment of investment operations
- Extent and relevance of experience in capacity building and training activities in the field of investment operations in agricultural and rural development
- Extent and relevance of experience in marketing, climate change, agribusiness and financing issues relevant to rural and agricultural development
- Experience in dealing with senior government officials, development partners and beneficiaries in the context of investment operations
- Good communication skills, both oral and in writing
- Relevance of experience in Latin America and the Caribbean Region and/or East Asia and the Pacific
- Working knowledge of FAO official languages applicable to the specific region of assignment, namely Spanish or Chinese - is an asset

**N.B. 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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and complete the on-line application

In order for your candidature to be properly evaluated, please ensure to complete the on-line application in all sections

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

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.

### 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.