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POSITION TITLE:	ECONOMIST (Food security and policy analysis)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-3
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Trade and Markets Division, EST Economic and Social Development Department	DUTY STATION:	Rome, Italy
		DURATION *:	Fixed-Term: 3 years
		POST CODE/N°:	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 overall direction of the Director, EST and as member of one or more task teams, will analyse and monitor food security related policies and trends. In particular will:

- undertake economic analyses of the macroeconomic situation, agricultural food and trade policies, market trends, and food security and vulnerability-related trends, both at the national and household levels;
- monitor the crop and food security situation in some assigned developing countries analysing all relevant types of information bearing on food production, trade, stocks, demand and prices;
- Undertake economic research on the main factors affecting markets; analyse price, marketing and trade arrangements;
- develop special alerts/reports for issuance to the international community on specific and imminent food security issues that may require international assistance;
- participate in Crop and Food Security Assessment Missions to affected or vulnerable countries to assess the food supply, national basic food balance and food security situation, as well as localized deficits or surpluses which may require international assistance;
- interact at working level with government liaison officers for FAO's Global Information and Early Warning System (GIEWS);
- prepare, assist, advise, and participate as required, in the formulation and implementation of technical assistance and development projects supporting national food security strategies and provide technical backstopping;
- brief FAO Representatives and their staff on methods of monitoring food security at the national level, and collaborate closely with them in improving the flow of information to the GIEWS;
- contribute to GIEWS' regular reports: "Country Briefs", "Crop Prospects and Food Situation", "Food Outlook" and to ad hoc "Special Alerts/Reports";
- perform other related duties as required.
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The French and Spanish translations will be published shortly

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced university degree in economics, agricultural economics, or directly related area
- Five years of relevant experience in quantitative economic analysis related to agricultural development, trade policy, or food policy and food security (Ph.D. or equivalent degree may substitute for two years of required experience)
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent and relevance of educational qualifications
- Extent and relevance of experience in quantitative economic analysis related to food security and trade issues in developing countries
- Extent and relevance of working experience in developing countries
- Extent of knowledge of development and food security issues in countries of the Latin America/Caribbean region
- Good communication skills, both oral and in writing

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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