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Deadline For Application: **21 June 2010**

POSITION TITLE:	ECONOMIST	GRADE LEVEL:	P4
		DUTY STATION:	Rome
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Trade and Markets Division, EST	DURATION *:	Fixed Term: three years
	Economic and Social Development Department, ES	POST CODE/N°:	0090689
		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 undertake a work programme of market and policy analysis for international and domestic markets for agricultural commodities. In particular, will:

- prepare analytical and policy-oriented studies or reports on national and international markets and policies for agricultural commodities;
- undertake advanced economic research on the main factors affecting markets; analyse price, marketing and trade arrangements; carry out studies on projections and international commodity policies and assessments of the performance of national policies;
- plan, organize and service meetings of intergovernmental commodity groups (IGGs);
- organize and participate in meetings on various aspects of the relevant international industries, associated working groups or workshops and ensure related follow-up activity;
- maintain global networking among relevant key institutions and individuals,
- participate in quantitative projection exercises based on national and international policy developments in agricultural markets and develop and improve projection methodologies;
- provide advice to executors of projects (including governments) on the formulation of sectoral development strategies;
- provide guidance to countries on the development, implementation and monitoring of relevant technical assistance projects on agricultural commodities, and provide technical backstopping, when required;
- organize and participate in technical activities related to developments in agricultural commodities;
- perform other related duties as required.

The French and Spanish translations will be published shortly

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced University Degree in Economics, Agricultural Economics or other related fields
- Seven years of relevant experience in economic research and analysis, including experience in international agricultural commodity trade and policy development and quantitative analysis (a PhD 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 responsible experience in economic research and analysis, including the use of statistical and econometrics methods and relevant software
- Extent and relevance of experience in commodity policy analysis and advice
- Extent of knowledge in the formulation, monitoring and evaluation of commodity development projects
- Extent of supervisory and coordinating skills and ability to work within deadlines
- Quality of both oral and written communication skills
- Extent of knowledge of the economic problems of developing countries

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**

REMUNERATION

A competitive compensation and benefits package is offered. For information on UN salaries, allowances and benefits, click on the following link: <http://icsc.un.org/>

TO APPLY: Carefully read and follow the Guidelines to applicants

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