



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

## PROFESSIONAL VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT N°:

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Deadline For Application:

POSITION TITLE:	<b>Junior Professional Officer (Economist)</b>	GRADE LEVEL:	<b>P-2</b>
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	<b>Office of the Chief Economist, DDCE</b>	DUTY STATION:	<b>Rome, Italy</b>
		DURATION* :	<b>Fixed-term: 2 years with possibility of extension</b>
		POST NUMBER:	
		CCOG CODE:	<b>1L09</b>

\* The length of appointment for internal FAO candidates will be established in accordance with applicable policies pertaining to the extension of appointments

- FAO is committed to achieving workforce diversity in terms of gender, nationality, background and culture
- Qualified female applicants, qualified nationals of non-and under-represented Members and persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply
- Everyone who works for FAO is required to adhere to the highest standards of integrity and professional conduct, and to uphold FAO's values
- FAO, as a Specialized Agency of the United Nations, has a zero-tolerance policy for conduct that is incompatible with its status, objectives and mandate, including sexual exploitation and abuse, sexual harassment, abuse of authority and discrimination
  - All selected candidates will undergo rigorous reference and background checks
  - All applications will be treated with the strictest confidentiality
- FAO staff are subject to the authority of the Director-General, who may assign them to any of the activities or offices of the Organization.

### Organizational Setting

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) contributes to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda through the FAO Strategic Framework by supporting the transformation to MORE efficient, inclusive, resilient and sustainable agrifood systems, for *better production, better nutrition, a better environment, and a better life*, leaving no one behind.

The Office of the Chief Economist (DDCE) is responsible for oversight of the six Divisions of FAO's Economic and Social Development Stream: Agrifood Economics (ESA), Food Systems and Food Safety (ESF), Food and Nutrition (ESN), Inclusive Rural Transformation and Gender Equality (ESP), Statistics (ESS), and Markets and Trade (EST), as well as the FAO Investment Centre, the Office for Small Island Developing States (SIDS), Least Developed Countries (LDCs), and Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs) (OSL), and the Office of the Chief Statistician (OCS). It coordinates the provision of evidence-based cross-sectoral knowledge, research, analysis and policy and programme support in the above fields and ensures coherence in support of the implementation of Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development.

The post is located in the Office of the Chief Economist at FAO headquarters, Rome, Italy.

### Reporting Lines

The Junior Professional Officer (Economist) reports to the Chief Economist.

### Technical Focus

The Junior Professional Officer (Economist) provides support to the management of the programme of work under the Chief Economist's mandate, in the context of the FAO Strategic Framework and Agenda 2030.

### Key Results

Collection, analysis and review of information, data and statistics, and project/meeting services to support programme products, projects, publications and services.

### Key Functions

- Collects, reviews/cross checks and/or analyses relevant agricultural, economic, trade, market, social, environmental, nutrition/food composition and/or gender related data, statistics and information to support delivery of programme projects, products, publications and services;
- Undertakes analysis, provides technical input for plans and reports and edits/revises technical documents and/or publications;
- Participates in the development of improved tools and methodologies;
- Updates databases and web pages;
- Participates in multidisciplinary project/work teams;
- Participates in the development of training materials and the organization of workshops/seminars, etc.;
- Participates in the organization, conduct and follow-up of meetings, consultations and conferences, the development/production of required materials and the provision of information and assistance to partners.

### Specific Functions

- Provides technical and programmatic support to the implementation of assigned projects; identifies priorities, liaises with relevant parties;

- Carries out research and analysis on policies and trends, and supports the drafting of technical documents related to Economic and Social Development;
- Supports the Chief Economist in coordinating with Divisions and other work streams on issues of strategic importance and selected priorities;
- Supports the maintenance of partnerships with relevant organizations and other stakeholders;
- Supports the interaction with collaborative networks of programmes across the organization to support close integration and synergies in programme activities;
- Collaborates to ensure coherence and quality of documents addressed to the governing bodies of the Organization;
- Contributes to the day-to-day management of meetings, preparing PowerPoint presentations and speaking points, taking notes and preparing draft reports;
- Facilitates the cooperation with resource partners on issues of mutual interest and identifies new emerging areas of engagement.;
- Performs other related duties as required.

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## **CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING**

### **Minimum Requirements**

- Advanced university degree in international development, economics, development economics, agricultural economics or related field
- Three years of relevant experience in economic and policy analysis of food and agricultural issues
- Working knowledge (proficient – level C) of English and limited knowledge (intermediate – level B) of one of the other FAO official languages (Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian or Spanish.)

### **Competencies**

- Results Focus
- Teamwork
- Communication
- Building Effective Relationships
- Knowledge Sharing and Continuous Improvement

### **Technical/Functional Skills**

- Work experience in more than one location or area of work, particularly in field positions, is desirable.
- Extent and relevance of experience in collecting, analysing and summarizing technical information and data.
- Extent and relevance of experience in the preparation, editing and revision of technical documents and in organizing meetings and workshops.
- Familiarity with standard office, data analysis and web-publishing software.

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Please note that all candidates should adhere to *FAO Values of Commitment to FAO, Respect for All and Integrity and Transparency*.

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