



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Vacancy Announcement No: IRC5173

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Deadline For Application: 30 January 2018

Position Title:	Senior Statistician (Statistics Planning And Coordination)	Grade Level:	P-5
		Duty Station:	Italy, Rome
Organizational Unit:	Statistics Division, ESS	Duration *:	Fixed term: 2 years with possibility of extension
		Post Number:	2006269
		CCOG Code:	1M02

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

Qualified female applicants and qualified nationals of non-and under-represented member countries are encouraged to apply.

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.

Organizational Setting

The Statistics Division develops, and advocates for the implementation of methodologies and standards for data collection, validation, processing and analysis of food and agriculture statistics. In these statistical domains, it also plays a vital role in the compilation, processing and dissemination of internationally comparable data, and provides essential capacity building support to member countries. In addition, the Division disseminates many publications, working papers and statistical yearbooks, that cover agricultural and food security relevant statistics (including prices, investments, production, trade and agri-environmental statistical data).

The incumbent will work for the Office of the Chief Statistician that ensures effective coordination of all FAO statistical programmes, and corporate consistency and alignment of statistical practices at headquarters and in the field. Its work programme focuses on: designing the FAO Statistical Programme of Work and monitoring its implementation; the coordination and quality assurance of all statistical activities carried out by the Organization, and the development and monitoring of the FAO-relevant SDG indicators.

The post is located in Rome, Italy

Reporting Lines

The Senior Statistician reports to the Chief Statistician.

Technical Focus

The incumbent will be responsible for one or more of the following functions:

- Corporate statistical planning and programme management;
- Statistical indicators development (including SDG indicators) and corporate monitoring;
- Statistical governance and quality assurance;
- Partnerships for statistics with other international or regional organizations;
- Policies for data collection and data dissemination;
- Statistical standards, classifications and methodologies;
- Coordination of Statistical capacity development.

Key Results

Leadership and conceptual thinking for the development and implementation of comprehensive technical, statistical and/or analytical frameworks to support the programme of work and related products, projects and services in accordance with the FAO Strategic Framework.

Key Functions

- Plans, manages, or leads highly specialized or multi-disciplinary teams, leads, coordinates, and/or participates on Organization-wide, cross-Departmental committees, project teams, and working groups, and/or provides technical leadership/secretariat services on technical networks and/or international technical policy and standard setting bodies.
- Analyses global and country specific requirements as well as agricultural, economic, social, environmental factors to provide critical input into the FAO Strategic Framework, Programme of Work as well as Detailed Work Plans and the supporting budgets and/or resourcing strategies.
- Implements and monitors work programmes involving the conception and development of comprehensive statistical and/or analytical frameworks including early warning, medium and long-term plans and strategies, leading edge tools, methods, systems and databases, critical indicators, and/or policy models, etc.

- Oversees and reviews data collection, validation, analysis and reporting activities to support the development of technical standards, international instruments, innovation, FAO flagship publications/yearbooks, and/or on-going programme development as well as technical and/or policy advisory services.
- Provides technical and policy advice to Member Countries and technical support to decentralized offices in the development and implementation of their programmes of work.
- Plans, organizes and participates in capacity development activities involving the provision of advice, technical assistance projects, training workshops, seminars, and meetings as well as oversees the development of related materials, on-line tools and information kits.
- Represents the Organization at international/inter-governmental meetings and conferences, advocates strategic partnerships, best practices, and increased policy dialogue and develops and negotiates effective working relationships/consensus and agreements with international and national partners.
- Leads and/or participates in resource mobilization activities in accordance with the corporate strategy.

Specific Functions

- Oversees the implementation of SDG-related activities and functions (support to development of methods and statistical processes for Tier III indicators, coordination of capacity development activities related to SDG's and project formulation, SDG Indicator Monitoring; integration of SDGs indicators in FAO's results framework);
- Facilitates and coordinates Internal Statistics Governance (serve as Secretary of the IDWG on Statistics; ensures compliance with the Statistical Quality Assurance Framework; provides oversight to the implementation of the Statistical Working System and the integration of new statistical processes; provides oversight to the development of corporate statistical standards and methods);
- Coordinates the preparation and undertaking of the Quality Assessment and Planning Survey (QAPS) and the development of the FAO Corporate Statistical Programme of Work (SPW);
- Facilitates and coordinates External Governance (Support International statistical coordination mechanisms and efforts, particularly for SDG Indicator monitoring and reporting; supports the organization of the Regional Commissions on Agricultural Statistics);
- Develops policies for data dissemination including for the new SDG Indicator Portal;
- Oversees the implementation of the communication strategy for the OCS and for the FAO Statistics webpage;
- Liaises with external stakeholders and partners on all matters related to the implementation of the FAO's statistical programme of work;
- Oversees users' surveys' and analyses new users' needs for data access;
- Provides advice and supports to the Chief Statistician on all matters related to the work of the Office.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in statistics, mathematics, economics or a related field with quantitative training
- Ten years of relevant experience in the compilation and analysis of food and agricultural statistics in national or international organizations
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese, Russian

Competencies

- Results Focus
- Leading, Engaging and Empowering Others
- Communication
- Partnering and Advocating
- Knowledge Sharing and Continuous Improvement
- Strategic Thinking

Technical/Functional Skills

- Work experience in more than one location or area of work, particularly in field positions is essential
- Extent and relevance of experience and knowledge of statistical methods for the collection and compilation of food and agricultural data
- Extent and relevance of knowledge and experience in planning, coordination and implementation of statistical programmes of national or international organizations
- Extent and relevance of experience in planning and implementation of statistical capacity development programmes
- Extent and relevance of experience in conducting quantitative analyses and methodological research in food and agricultural statistics using appropriate statistical software
- Extent and relevance of experience in organizing international meetings, seminars and training courses
- Quality of oral and written communication skills in English

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- All candidates should possess computer/word processing skills
- Your application will be screened based on the information provided in your iRecruitment online profile (see “*How to Apply*”). We strongly recommend that you ensure that the information is accurate and complete including employment record, academic qualifications and language skills
- Please note that FAO will only consider academic credentials or degrees obtained from an educational institution recognised in the IAU/UNESCO list
- Other similar positions at the same level may be filled from this vacancy notice and the endorsed candidates will be considered for the Employment Roster for a period of 2 years
- Candidates may be requested to provide performance assessments

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HOW TO APPLY

To apply, visit the iRecruitment website at <http://www.fao.org/employment/irecruitment-access/en/> and complete your online profile. Only applications received through iRecruitment will be considered.

Candidates are requested to attach a letter of motivation to the online profile.

Vacancies will be removed from iRecruitment at 23:59 Central European Time (CET) on the deadline for applications date. We encourage applicants to submit the application well before the deadline date.

If you need help, or have queries, please contact: iRecruitment@fao.org

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