



FAO - Food and Agriculture Organization

Junior Professional Officer (JPO)/ Associate Professional Officer (APO) Chiffre Nr. 2022-2-46

1. General Information

Job Title: JPO, Associate Professional Officer (Food security policy)

Agency: FAO - Food and Agriculture Organization

Unit: Agricultural Development Economics Stream (ESA)

Country and Duty Station: Rome, Italy

Duration of assignment: 2 years with possibility of extension for another year. The extension of appointment is subject to yearly review concerning priorities, availability of funds, and satisfactory performance.

Please note that for participants of the FAO JPO-Programme at least three years of work experience are mandatory! Relevant work experience can be counted. In order to assess the eligibility of the candidates, we review the relevant experience acquired after obtaining the first university degree (usually bachelor's degree).

2. 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 Agrifood Economics (ESA) conducts economic research and policy analysis related to all five of the Organization's strategic objectives (food security and nutrition, sustainable agriculture, poverty reduction, inclusive food systems and resilient livelihoods). ESA provides evidence-based analytical support to national, regional and global policy processes and initiatives related to food security and nutrition and sustainable agriculture; and leads the production of two FAO flagship publications: The State of Food and Agriculture and The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World. ESA also leads large programmes at country level on agricultural and food policy monitoring, climate smart agriculture (CSA), agribusiness and food value chains, rural poverty, and food security information and analysis in support of national policies.

The Committee on World Food Security (CFS) constitutes the foremost inclusive international and intergovernmental platform for a broad range of committed stakeholders to work together in a coordinated manner and in support of country-led processes towards the elimination of hunger and ensuring food security and nutrition for all human beings. CFS is supported by a Secretariat that is funded by FAO, IFAD and WFP, and hosted by FAO Agrifood Economics (ESA).

The post is located in the CFS Secretariat (Rome, Italy). The CFS Secretariat provides technical support to the Committee, its Bureau and Advisory Group and its working groups. This includes collection, analysis and presentation of information in support of the global food security policy agenda, facilitating and contributing to the implementation of CFS work-streams, developing documents and preparations for CFS sessions and meetings, and strengthening linkages with CFS stakeholders, as well as the organisation and backstopping of policy convergence processes. CFS implements, as part of its Multi-year Plan of Work (2020- 2023), three parallel main areas of work: a. Policy convergence (on food security and nutrition topics); b. support to CFS Bureau, Advisory Group and Plenaries; c. outreach, advocacy and uptake of CFS products. The incumbent of the vacant post will focus on supporting the latter.

The post is located at FAO headquarters in Rome, Italy.

Reporting Lines

The Economist reports to the CFS Secretary (D1), but will work closely with other CFS professional staff, and will be responsible for specific policy products to be disseminated, and promoted at global, regional, national, and local levels, consistent with the Secretariat's Communications and Outreach strategies.

Technical Focus

Strategic Partnerships, food security/nutrition, and general advocacy.

Key Results

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

3. Key Functions

- Collects, reviews/cross checks and/or analyzes 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 on multi-disciplinary 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.

4. Specific Functions

- Contributes to the implementation of a strategy intended to promote the dissemination, uptake, use and application of CFS's flagship policy products at all levels;
- Contributes to outreach and the production of tailored advocacy products to foster the dissemination, adoption and adaptation of CFS's two newest policy products: the Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition (VGFSN) and Policy Recommendations on Agroecological and Other innovative Approaches (PR-AOIA) as well as other recently adopted CFS products;
- Maps relevant key stakeholders and actors for each of these two CFS policy products at global, regional, national and local levels, highlighting overlaps and potential synergies where relevant;
- Collects and maps inputs on use and application of the VGFSN and PR-AOIA, and integrate within CFS's policy product data-base and dashboard, as appropriate;
- Collects, organize, and analyse information related to food security and nutrition, food systems, and/or agroecology and other innovative approaches, from external sources and databases;
- Contributes to analytical briefs, focusing on the interlinkages between food systems and agroecology and other innovative approaches, food security and nutrition, and other periodic reports;
- Supports the Secretariat's resource mobilisation initiatives linked to CFS's major policy products;
- Supports the organisation and backstopping of CFS multi-stakeholder (global, regional or national) webcasts, meetings, workshops, and events (including drafting agendas, background documents, podium scripts, scenarios and invitations, guidelines for panellists, preparatory meetings with speakers, etc.).
- Other duties, as assigned, linked to implementation of the CFS Multi-Year Program of Work (2020-2023), including support to the CFS Secretary for preparation of Bureau and Advisory Group meetings and other projects.

5. Qualifications, Experience and Competencies

Minimum Requirements

Master's Degree in food security, agricultural economics, development studies, political sciences or a related field.

Three years of relevant experience in design, implementation, measurement or advocacy of policies or programmes related to food and agricultural issues, or related areas

Working knowledge (proficient – level C) of English and limited knowledge (intermediate – level B) of one of the other official FAO languages (Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian and 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;
- Knowledge and experience in conducting qualitative and quantitative analysis, including interlinkages between the two;
- Experience in the preparation, editing and revision of policy briefs and/or documents for various audiences;
- Experience in organizing meetings and workshops with a wide range of stakeholders;
- Experience in formulating and implementing operational strategies for advocacy;
- Client-oriented, and capable of consistently meeting deadlines;
- Demonstrate strong organisational skills, autonomy and initiative;
- Competence with respect to being an effective team player;
- Excellent writing skills.

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 person 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

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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