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**ECONOMIST (GRADE A2/A3),
AGRICULTURAL TRADE AND MARKETS DIVISION,
DIRECTORATE FOR FOOD, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES**

Closing date for applications: 12 November 1998

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and encourages applications from female candidates**

Role

Under the direction of the Head of Division and the supervision of a principal administrator, the main responsibilities of the post-holder will be to conduct economic analyses of and draft documents on agricultural policy issues.

Main Duties

1. Analyse the policy issues concerning agricultural commodity markets and trade and in particular work with the Secretariat's AGLINK model for agriculture to provide forward-looking assessments of domestic agricultural commodity and trade policies.
2. Participate in the maintenance of the AGLINK model. Undertake the necessary model development for particular analytical applications, estimate parameters and represent the impact of commodity and trade policies on production, consumption, trade and prices.
3. Prepare reports or part of reports to be transmitted to the Committee for Agriculture and its subsidiary bodies, synthesising the results of the analysis mentioned under point 1 above.

4. Present these reports to meetings of the Committee for Agriculture and its subsidiary bodies and take an active part in the discussions in these meetings.
4. Establish and maintain regular contacts with national and international experts, governmental and non-governmental organisations working in the above-mentioned areas. Attend, on behalf of the Organisation, international meetings whenever required.
5. Participate in and contribute, whenever necessary, to other activities included in the Programme of work of the Directorate and the Organisation in general, that require economic and modelling skills related to the agricultural sector.

Principal Qualifications and Core Competences

1. Advanced university degree in agricultural economics or economics, with a specialisation in econometrics.
 2. Extensive knowledge and practical experience of the functioning of agricultural markets and policies dealing with the production, processing and trade of agricultural products.
 3. Extensive knowledge and five years' experience in the econometric modelling of agricultural commodity markets. Proven ability to use model generated information together with information obtained from other sources to derive composite forecasts and to prepare quantitative assessments of policies.
 4. Ability to draft quickly and to participate in discussions on agricultural policy issues. Sense of organisation and ability to work as a member of a multinational team.
 5. Excellent ability to speak and write in one of the official languages of the Organisation (English and French); working knowledge of the other. Knowledge of other languages of Member countries would be an advantage.
- N.B. The appointment may initially be made at the level immediately below if the qualifications and professional experience of the selected applicant correspond to that level; in this case, the duties and responsibilities assigned to the post will be adjusted accordingly.

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GENERAL INFORMATION ON VACANCIES AND APPLICATIONS

Who may apply: Posts in the Organisation are open to both male and female nationals of Member countries. External candidates must be less than 65 years old at the time of appointment.

Closing date: The date shown is that at which the selection procedures begin officially. Applications received later will be considered only on an exceptional basis.

Duration of appointment: A fixed-term appointment (usually for two or three years, with the possibility of renewal) will be offered.

Grade of appointment: Posts are normally filled at the grade indicated. Some posts, however, may be filled provisionally at the level immediately below if the qualifications and professional experience of the chosen candidate correspond to that level and if such a possibility has been indicated on the vacancy notice. In this case, the duties and responsibilities assigned will be adjusted accordingly.

Place of work: Unless otherwise stated, work will be carried out in Paris. However, for some posts, occasional travel may be required.

Duties: The duties mentioned are the main duties to be carried out at the time of appointment. They may be modified according to the work programme of the Service or with the introduction of new work methods and/or equipment.

Qualifications: The qualifications listed are those which are most important to the performance of the duties mentioned. Their sequence is not an indication of the relative importance attached to them.

Tests: For some posts, candidates may be required to take a written or oral examination. The result will be a factor in the selection.

Interviews: The best-qualified candidates will be called for interview. Candidates who are not native speakers of either of the two official languages will be assessed at interview in the official language of their choice -- unless the post in question requires an excellent or very good knowledge of both languages in which case all candidates will be required at interview to demonstrate competency in the two languages.

Final selection: The final selection will be made on the basis of the qualifications, experience and core competences mentioned in the Vacancy Notice and in comparison with those of the other candidates. Unsuccessful candidates will be notified not later than one month after the appointment procedure has been completed.

How to apply: Those who wish to apply for a post should send a detailed Curriculum Vitae (indicating the vacancy reference number) to Human Resource Management, accompanied by supporting documentation, such as titles of publications and/or copies of diplomas, as appropriate. Other than employment history and educational background your CV must include your nationality, sex and birthdate.

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