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<b>POSITION TITLE:</b>	<b>ECONOMIST (AGRIBUSINESS AND VALUE CHAINS)</b>	<b>GRADE LEVEL:</b>	<b>P-4</b>
		<b>DUTY STATION:</b>	<b>Cairo, Egypt</b>
<b>ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:</b>	<b>REGIONAL OFFICE FOR THE NEAR EAST AND NORTH AFRICA (RNE)</b>	<b>DURATION :</b>	<b>Fixed-term: 3 years</b>
		<b>POST NUMBER:</b>	<b>2002117</b>
		<b>CCOG CODE:</b>	<b>1.E</b>

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**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.**

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### Organizational Setting

The Regional Office for RNE is responsible for leading FAO's response to regional priorities for food security, agriculture and rural development through the identification, planning, and implementation of FAO's priority activities in the region. It ensures a multidisciplinary approach to programmes, identifies priority areas of action for the Organization in the Region and, in collaboration with departments and divisions at Headquarters, develops, promotes and oversees FAO's strategic response to regional priorities. RNE also advises on the incorporation of regional priorities into the Organization's Programme of Work and Budget and implements approved programmes and projects in the region, monitors the level of programme implementation and draws attention to problems and deficiencies. RNE develops and maintains relations with region-wide institutions including the Regional Economic Integration Organizations (REIOs).

The Regional Office supports regional policy dialogue on food security, agriculture and rural development issues, facilitates the emergence of regional partnerships, and supports capacity development and resource mobilization for food security, agriculture and rural development in the region.

The post is located in Cairo, Egypt.

### Reporting Lines

The Economist (Agribusiness and Value Chains) reports to the Delivery Manager of the RNE Regional Initiative for Building Resilience for Food Security and Nutrition under the overall supervision of the Assistant Director General/Regional Representative (ADG/RR).

### Technical Focus

Support the provision of technical assistance and strategic guidance to member countries and national institutions on agro-industry development, market linkages and value chains, agribusiness, and food loss and waste reduction.

The Economist (Agribusiness and Value Chains) works within the framework of three RNE Regional Initiatives on i) Building Resilience for Food Security and Nutrition, ii) Water Scarcity, and iii) Small-scale agriculture for inclusive development in the Near East and North Africa. The incumbent works in close collaboration with the Agro-Industries and Infrastructure Division, Agricultural Department (AG) in FAO Headquarters.

### Key Results

Comprehensive technical and policy expertise to support the planning, development and implementation of RNE regional initiatives, departmental and division programmes, projects, products and services in accordance with regional, departmental, division objectives and FAO Strategic Objectives.

### Key Functions

- Plans and leads components of multi-disciplinary teams, leads and/or participates on Organization-wide, cross-Departmental committees, project teams, and working groups and/or provides specialized expertise on technical networks and/or international technical policy and/or international technical policy and standard setting bodies;
- Develops technical, analytical, monitoring and reporting frameworks, and related methodologies, tools, systems and databases etc. to support the planning, implementation/delivery and monitoring of programmes of work, projects, products and/or services;
- Designs and conducts research, data collection, validation, analysis and/or reporting activities to support the development of technical standards, international instruments, innovative approaches and strategies, new tools, technologies, technical reports/publications, and/or policy proposals as well as the provision of technical/policy/ specialist/advice and expertise;
- Responds to country requests for technical and policy assistance, provides technical advice, assistance and solutions to Decentralized Offices and provides technical backstopping to field projects;
- Collaborates in, provides technical backstopping to and ensures the quality / effectiveness of capacity development and knowledge sharing activities within member countries such as policy support, organizational development and individual learning events including preparation of related information, learning materials, on-line tools;
- Promotes international cooperation/advocates best practices, increased policy dialogue and provides technical expertise at international/intergovernmental meetings;
- Participates in resource mobilization activities in accordance with the FAO Corporate strategy.

### Specific Functions

- In the context of a member-country endorsed “ Strategic Framework for the Reduction of Food Losses and Waste in the Near East and North Africa”, engages in strategy development and programme/action plan formulation with member countries;
- Serves as focal point within RNE for agro-industry development, value chain development, and food losses and waste reduction, and provide assistance and guidance to technical officers, including those stationed at other Regional, Sub-regional Offices and FAO Representations;
- Supports knowledge exchange activities, networking, and build partnerships within RNE countries under the umbrella of the RNE’s food loss and waste programme of work, and the Global Initiative on Food Loss and Waste Reduction.

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### CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

#### Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in agricultural engineering, food science and technology, economics, agricultural economics or other related discipline
- Seven years of relevant experience in one or more of the following areas: value chain analysis and development, agribusiness and market development, agro-food processing, post-harvest handling, and agro-food industry technologies
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese, Russian

#### 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 developing countries and/or in the Near East and North African Region is considered an asset
- Extent and relevance or knowledge of value added transformation and technologies of food and agricultural materials through processing, packaging, handling and storage, including product quality aspects within food and commodity chains
- Extent and relevance of experience in the analysis, design, implementation and evaluation of strategies, programmes and projects related to value chain, agribusiness, or agro-food industries development
- Experience in organizing and facilitating international meetings, seminars and training courses in the technical general area of agro-industries development
- Working knowledge of Arabic or French is highly desirable.

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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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### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- The length of appointment for internal FAO candidates will be established in accordance with applicable policies pertaining to the extension of appointments
- All candidates should possess computer/word processing skills.
- Evaluation of qualified candidates may include an assessment exercise which will be followed by a competency-based interview.
- 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.
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