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Junior Professional Officer		
Agribusiness and Value Chains		
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)		<b>Closing date:</b> <b>19 April 2026</b>
<b>I General information</b>		
<b>Title:</b>	Junior Professional Officer (Agribusiness and Value Chains)	
<b>Sector of Assignment:</b>	FAO Investment Centre (CFI)	
<b>Country:</b>	Italy	
<b>Location (City):</b>	Rome	
<b>Agency:</b>	Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)	
<b>Duration of Assignment:</b>	Initially one year with the possibility to extend up to a maximum total of 3 years	
<b>Grade:</b>	P2 step 1 in the first year, or P1 step 1, depending on years of relevant working experience	
<p>This post is opened in the context of the Junior Professional Officer (JPO) scheme sponsored by the Government of the Netherlands and is addressed <b>exclusively</b> to <b>PEOPLE WITH THE DUTCH NATIONALITY</b>.</p> <p>For the minimum qualification requirements see the website of Nedworc Foundation: <a href="#">Junior Professional Officer Programme - Nedworc Foundation</a></p> <p><b>Maximal age limit is 32 years as of 31 December of the year of application.</b></p> <p><b>Please read the criteria and FAQ section carefully before considering applying</b></p>		
<b>II Duties and responsibilities</b>		
<p>The Junior Professional Officer (Agribusiness and Value Chains) provides analytical and technical support on value chain and sub-sector assessments, with a strong focus on mobilizing and de-risking private sector investment. The role supports the formulation, implementation, and evaluation of investment policies, strategies, programmes, and projects that strengthen agribusiness competitiveness, enable private and blended finance solutions, promote producer and cooperative enterprises, and scale agriculture SMEs and related business development services.</p>		
<p>Responsibilities / Main Duties</p> <p><b>Key Functions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collects and analyses relevant technical, social, economic, environmental, institutional and technology related information, data and/or statistics to support the delivery of programmes, projects, products and services;</li> <li>• Undertakes analysis, provides technical input for plans and reports and edits/revises technical/scientific documents;</li> </ul>		

- Participates in the development of improved work methods, tools and systems;
- Updates databases and web pages;
- Participates in multidisciplinary project/work teams;
- Collaborates in the development of training tools and 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**

- Supports value chain and sub-sector analysis by collecting and analyzing trade, production, and market data; mapping value chain actors and structures; and assessing the enabling environment, including policies, regulations, logistics infrastructure, and access to finance. Identifies key trends, bottlenecks, investment needs, opportunities, and areas for policy and regulatory reform.
- Contributes to market systems and competitiveness assessments, providing analytical inputs that inform the design of IFI-funded investment programmes, with a focus on commercially viable, climate-resilient, and inclusive value chain development.
- Participates in multidisciplinary teams and field missions for the preparation, implementation support, and evaluation of investment operations, including background studies, stakeholder consultations, private sector engagement, and drafting of programme components and technical sections.
- Supports the design of programmes and investment projects that create enabling conditions for private agrifood investment, including through blended finance mechanisms, de-risking instruments, and PPP frameworks.
- Prepares reports and technical documentation in line with corporate standards and the requirements of governments and financing partners.
- Contributes to the development of technical briefs, learning products, analytical tools, and guidance materials to support FAO's advisory work with IFI partners.
- Assists the FAO Investment Centre in mapping, reporting, and communicating its value chain analysis and development activities, including preparation of related communication materials and knowledge products.

### **III Training component: Learning elements and expectations**

Upon completion of the assignment the JPO will have/ will be able to:

- Benefit from continuous learning through exposure to international cooperation activities, while applying technical specialization under the supervision of an experienced FAO staff member.
- Deepen the understanding about the international development in relation to FAO's mandates of fight against hunger and the UN SDGs.
- Contribute to achieving FAO's mandate to fight against hunger in line with the UN 2030 agenda.
- Gain valuable on-the-job training in hands-on field missions, seminars and workshops in countries where FAO is present.

The JPO training programme includes the following learning elements:

- Provided with a thorough briefing and a work plan is agreed.

- Learning opportunities range from individual briefings and orientation programmes to educative technical meetings and duty travel with a learning purpose, and day to day work exposure.
- Gain technical and professional development opportunities through work.
- Expand a professional network in JPO's technical fields in international environment.
- The JPO position includes a Duty travel and training allowance (DTTA) of \$4000 per year which may be used for learning activities related to the assignment and career development.

#### **IV Supervision**

**Title of supervisor:** Service Chief, CFIB

#### **Content and methodology of supervision**

The Junior Professional Officer (Agribusiness and Value Chains) reports to the Service Chief, CFIB with technical guidance also provided by other technical officers. JPO's performance will be assessed through FAO's Performance Evaluation System.

#### **V Required Qualifications and Experience**

**Age:** Maximal age limit is 32 years as of 31 December of the year of application.

#### **Education:**

Advanced university degree (Master's degree or equivalent) in relevant area such as agriculture or business economics, agribusiness, MBA, development or rural finance, or a related field.

#### **Working experience:**

Minimum of two years of relevant working experience (For grade P1 step 1) or minimum of three years relevant work experience (for grade P2 step 1), in agribusiness, agrifood investments, or a closely related field, preferably with experience in the private sector, consulting, or a development finance institution

All paid work experience since obtaining Bachelor's degree will/can be considered.

Working experience within the UN system should not exceed 1 year of the relevant working experience including UNV, (paid) UN internship and UN consultancy.

- Internships: counted at 50% (if relevant to the position).
- Voluntary work: counted at 100% (only if the experience is remunerated).
- UN Volunteers: counted at 100%.

**Languages:** Working knowledge (proficiency - level C) of English and intermediate knowledge (intermediate proficiency - level B) of another FAO official language (Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian or Spanish).

#### **Key competencies**

- Work experience in more than one location or area of work, particularly in field positions;
- Extent and relevance of experience in technical fields related to agribusiness, agrifood investments, value chain analysis and competitiveness assessments.
- Knowledge and application of tools for value chain and competitiveness analysis to inform and shape investments in the agriculture sectors and food systems.

- Extent and relevance of experience in participating in multidisciplinary teams for the preparation of strategies and sector studies as well as formulation, implementation support or evaluation of investment projects in agriculture sectors and food systems, with a focus on agribusiness and value chain development.
- Extent and relevance of experience in policy and private sector dialogue and capacity development for investments and finance in the agriculture sectors and food systems.
- Experience of working in the private sector and with International Financial Institutes is considered an asset
- Demonstrated capacity to write technical reports in English.

## **VI Background information on Agency/Department/Section**

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.

FAO's commitment to environmental sustainability is integral to our strategic objectives and operations.

The FAO Investment Centre (CFI) provides investment and finance solutions that lead to more efficient, sustainable, inclusive and resilient agrifood systems. Working in over 120 countries, the Centre provides a full suite of investment and finance support to FAO members. It partners with governments, international and national financing institutions, the private sector and farmers, research institutions and academia to improve the quality and quantity of agrifood investment. The Centre's four main areas of work include support to strategic investment planning and policy, public investment, private investment, and innovative finance. These are complemented by the knowledge for investment and capacity development for investment programmes that serve to share knowledge, learn and build capacities at country level. For additional information on the FAO Investment Centre, its activities, partners and the organizational structure please visit the following link.

The position is located in the Asia and Pacific Service (CFIB) of the FAO Investment Centre (CFI) at FAO headquarters in Rome, Italy.

## **VII Information on living conditions at Duty Station**

- Dependency allowances
- Rental subsidy
- Education grant for children
- 30 working days of annual leave per year
- Pension fund entitlements under the UN Joint Staff Pension Fund
- International health insurance; optional life insurance
- Disability protection
- Home leave travel

## **VIII How to apply**

Applicants can apply through this link [Job Description - Junior Professional Officer \(Agribusiness and Value Chains\) \(2600568\)](#) Before 19/04/2026

- To apply, visit the recruitment website at [Job Description - Junior Professional Officer \(Agribusiness and Value Chains\) \(2600568\)](#) and complete your online profile. We strongly

recommend that your profile is accurate, complete and includes your employment records, academic qualifications and language skills.

- Candidates are requested to attach a letter of motivation to the online profile.
- Once your profile is completed, please apply and submit your application.
- Your application will be screened based on the information provided on your online profile.
- Please note that FAO only considers higher educational qualifications obtained from an institution accredited/recognized in the World Higher Education Database (WHED), a list updated by the International Association of Universities (IAU) / United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). The list can be accessed at <http://www.whed.net>
- Candidates may be requested to provide performance assessments and authorization to conduct verification checks of past and present work, character, education, military and police records to ascertain any and all information which may be pertinent to the employment qualifications.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Only applications received through the FAO recruitment portal will be considered.
- We encourage applicants to submit the application well before the deadline date.

If you need help, or have queries, please contact: [Careers@fao.org](mailto:Careers@fao.org)

Applicants will receive acknowledgement of receipt of their submission

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.