



Open to internal and external applicants

CORE VALUES : **INTEGRITY, PROFESSIONALISM, RESPECT FOR DIVERSITY**
WORKING LANGUAGES : *English or French required; Arabic an asset*
REMUNERATION : *Depending on professional background, experience and family situation, a competitive compensation and benefits package is offered*
Preference will be given to equally qualified women

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FOOD SECURITY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT DIVISION (FSSDD)
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ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA
VA #: 01-G-ECA-0X2110-E-AA

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Under the supervision of the FSSDD Chief, the incumbent is responsible for (i) providing effective leadership in the formulation and implementation of the Science and Technology Team; (ii) promoting applications of scientific knowledge/technological findings to the business sector; (iii) assisting the Committee on Natural Resources and Science and Technology (CNRST) in the formulation and implementation of regional and sub-regional policies and programmes; (iv) undertaking policy-oriented analytical research on Science and Technology applications, (v) developing appropriate tools and strategies to promote science-based technological development and identifying best practices, achievements and constraints in formulating Science and Technology policies; (vi) identifying training needs, planning and organizing training seminars and workshops for policy makers and practitioners to raise policy awareness and promote industrial development; (vii) providing advisory services to Member States on utilization of existing knowledge derived from Science and Technology research as per their request; (viii) advising on Science and Technology programmes within the respective sub-programmes of ECA; (ix) fostering co-operation with UN agencies, intergovernmental organizations and NGOs for greater utilization of Science and Technology research results; (x) contributing to timely dissemination of information and research results through the Science and Technology network; (xi) assisting the Chief of the Division in the development of strategies and implementation of the Division's priority programmes and ad-hoc activities.

EDUCATION:

Advanced degree in Natural Sciences, Engineering, or Social Sciences with particular focus on Economics or Business Management.

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Extensive professional experience required in promoting, formulating and implementing programs/initiatives centered on the application of knowledge/technology-based solutions to development problems. Relevant experience may relate to areas such as applied research for development, technology development, diffusion and adoption, and policy planning for science and technology. Highly desirable if incumbent has demonstrated capacity to draw policy implications from relevant analytical work, propose options, make recommendations, and advocate for policy and program initiatives to governments and the private business community. Prefer proven ability to undertake, promote and sustain R&D networking initiatives.

TECHNICAL SKILLS:

Understanding of the principles and concepts of science and technology-based innovation and development required as well as ability to use appropriate analytical frameworks and tools in articulating, analyzing and addressing policy and institutional issues related to the generation and application of knowledge and technology for development. Proficiency in computer systems required including word-processing, database management and networking and Internet; knowledge of statistical and spreadsheet packages is advantageous.

ESSENTIAL MANAGERIAL COMPETENCIES:

Leadership, supervision, programme and performance management, and judgement/decision making.

ESSENTIAL CORE COMPETENCIES:

Communication, teamwork, planning and organizing, creativity and innovation, client orientation, technological awareness, and ability to work effectively in a multicultural environment.

CANDIDATES WHO APPLIED ON THE BASIS OF THE INITIAL CIRCULATION OF THE POST NEED NOT RE-APPLY AS THEY WILL BE CONSIDERED TOGETHER WITH ANY NEW APPLICANTS.

HOW TO APPLY: *Please see our guidelines at www.uneca.org. Applications must be sent, preferably by e-mail to STAFFING@UN.ORG, or by fax to (212) 963-3134 or 963-9560. All applications should include the VA number and title of position and be addressed to: Staffing Support Section, Office of Human Resources Management, United Nations, New York.*