



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

## PROFESSIONAL VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT N°: FASRL-927-13-PRJ

Issued on: 1 August 2013

Deadline For Application: 22 August 2013

POSITION TITLE:	<b>Chief Technical Advisor</b> (Support for District Development Programme)	GRADE LEVEL: P-5
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	<b>FAO Representation in Sri Lanka</b> FASRL	DUTY STATION: Colombo, Sri Lanka
		DURATION *: Fixed Term: 1 year
		POST CODE/N°: unidentified
		CCOG CODE:

**Applications from qualified women as well as from qualified nationals of non-and under-represented member countries are encouraged  
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.**

### DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the general supervision of the FAO Representative in Sri Lanka, the technical supervision of the Lead Technical Unit and Lead Technical Officer in FAO, and in direct partnership with the Project Manager, the Chief Technical Adviser will facilitate the achievement of project objectives and provide technical guidance to the project team in all aspects of project planning, implementation and monitoring; In particular, the incumbent will:

- contribute to development of a shared vision and effective teamwork among the project staff;
- liaise closely with lead implementing agencies to promote collaboration with each other and contribute to the achievement of integrated development objectives;
- provide technical inputs for integration of key sectors as required by the programme and prepare detailed and prioritised work plans for the various sectors;
- monitor the project against the log frame and build the project team and mentor/strengthen the capacity of staff;
- coordinate capacity building of relevant public and private sector personnel in essential fields including agriculture, livestock, marine and inland capture fisheries, agricultural enterprise development, and commercialization, etc;
- ensure timely delivery against targets and budgets and provide timely monitoring of activities and outputs against indicators;
- support the Project Manager in supervising contract management regarding Letters of Agreement (LOAs) and contracts;
- ensure timely reporting to donors and other stakeholders as required and maintain good communication with the stakeholders; prepare project progress reports and technical reports;
- perform other duties, as required.

### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

*Candidates should meet the following:*

- Advanced university degree (M.Sc. or Ph.D.) in Agricultural Economics / Development Economics or related fields
- Ten years of relevant experience in project management
- Working knowledge of English and limited knowledge of Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian or Spanish

### SELECTION CRITERIA

*Candidates will be assessed against the following:*

- Knowledge and relevant experience in agriculture, livestock farming, fisheries and water management;
- Experience in developing countries, especially in Asia;
- Experience in leading the formulation, development and implementation of technical projects;
- Ability to negotiate and cooperate with senior officials in national government, lead implementing agencies, donor organizations and other institutions, and in building collaborative networks;
- Planning and organizational ability and experience in preparing and managing meetings and workshops including training workshops;
- Ability to communicate clearly and concisely in English, both orally and in writing.

*Please note that all candidates should possess computer/word processing skills and should be capable of working with people of different national and cultural backgrounds.*

*\* The length of appointment for internal FAO candidates will be established in accordance with applicable policies pertaining to the extension of appointments*

### REMUNERATION

A competitive compensation and benefits package is offered. For information on UN salaries, allowances and benefits, click on the following link: <http://icsc.un.org/>

**For guidelines to applicants, please visit the Application Toolkit at: <http://www.fao.org/employment/current-vacancies/project/en/>**

Send your application to:

V.A FASRL-927-13-PRJ  
FAO Representative in Sri Lanka  
Colombo, Sri Lanka  
E-mail: VA-FASRL-927-13-PRJ@fao.org

Please note that FAO staff members are international civil servants subject to the authority of the Director-General and may be assigned to any activities or office of the organization.

FAO IS A NON-SMOKING ENVIRONMENT