



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Vacancy Announcement No: IRC5576

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Deadline For Application: 20 July 2018

Position Title:	Chief Technical Adviser (Project Coordinator)	Grade Level:	P-5
Organizational Unit:	FAO Representation in Trinidad & Tobago, FLTRI	Duty Station:	Suriname, Paramaribo
		Duration *:	Fixed term: one year (with possibility of extension)
		Post Number:	2006889
		CCOG Code:	1A11

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

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.

Organizational Setting

The main aim of the FAO country offices, which are headed by an FAO Representative, is to assist governments to develop policies, programmes and projects to achieve food security and to reduce hunger and malnutrition, to help develop the agricultural, fisheries and forestry sectors, and to use their environmental and natural resources in a sustainable manner.

Suriname and FAO have partnered since the country joined the Organization in 1975. Over the past decade, FAO technical assistance has spanned the agriculture, livestock, fisheries and forestry subsectors, primarily focusing on priorities laid down in Suriname's Agriculture Sector Plan. Suriname has made positive strides towards food security and, in 2014, the country was declared one of the top four Caribbean nations to have achieved the MDG target for hunger eradication. FAO has been identified by the Government of Suriname and the EC as implementation partner for the FAO/EU programme, on the basis of its comparative advantage and technical expertise in agriculture development in Suriname working with both public and private sector and having specific competences related to food safety and certification, business development and productive alliances.

Reporting Lines

The Chief Technical Adviser (Project Coordinator) reports to the FAO Representative to Trinidad and Tobago and the FAO Lead Technical Officer.

Technical Focus

Overall project management and reporting, and primary responsibility for all technical aspects of the project GCP/SUR/003/EC 'Suriname Agriculture Market Access Project (SAMAP)'.

Key Results

Develops, implements, evaluates, and provides effective leadership, management and technical guidance to project team.

Key Functions

- Leads the development, implementation and evaluation on technical issues of assigned programmes/projects; directs review of relevant documents and reports; identifies priorities, liaises with relevant parties; identifies and initiates follow-up actions;
- Coordinates programmes and reviews the assessments of issues and trends for the implementation of programmes and projects and the preparation of impact evaluation or equivalent studies;
- Supervises preparation of various written outputs, e.g. background papers, analysis, substantial sections of reports and studies, inputs to publications;
- Directs substantive support to consultative and other meetings, conferences, to include proposing agenda topics, identifying participants, preparation of documents and presentations;
- Manages outreach activities; designs and conducts training workshops, seminars, makes presentations on assigned topics/activities;
- Leads field missions, including provision of guidance to external consultants, government officials and other parties;
- Provides advice to develop policies and strategies as well as national protocols and guide lines for projects with specific domains related to FAO's work.

Specific Functions

- Reviews and finalizes the overall project work plan and budget, with detailed implementation plans and costing for the activities under the two components of the project and ensures monitoring of project progress, including timely identification of implementation and budget related problems;
- Ensures project annual reports/progress reports and the final project reports (EU Narrative Report, Budget Report and FAO Terminal Statement) are prepared in a comprehensive and timely manner;
- Manages the project office (i.e. the Project Coordination Unit, PCU) and coordinates all project activities including their implementation.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in political sciences, agricultural economics, development economics, rural sociology, food security, nutrition, sustainable agriculture (including livestock, forestry and fisheries), or related field;
- Ten years of relevant experience in technical cooperation's related activities, policy advice and analysis relating to food and nutrition security, agriculture and rural development, monitoring and evaluation of policies and programmes;
- Working knowledge of English and limited knowledge of French or Spanish.

Competencies

- Results Focus;
- Leading, Engaging and Empowering;
- Communication;
- Partnering and Advocating;
- Knowledge Sharing and Continuous Improvement;
- Strategic Thinking.

Technical/Functional Skills

- Work experience in more than one location or area of work, particularly in field positions is essential;
- Extent and relevance of experience in technical cooperation's related activities, policy advice and analysis relating to food and nutrition security, agriculture and rural development, monitoring and evaluation of policies and programmes and/or providing technical support and advice on institutional capacity building processes;
- Extent and relevance of experience in establishing and maintaining partnerships with UN agencies, NGOs as well as donors and government institutions and agencies;
- Working knowledge of Dutch is desirable.

Please note that all candidates should adhere to *FAO Values of Commitment to FAO, Respect for All and Integrity and Transparency*.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- All candidates should possess computer/word processing skills
- 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
- Other similar positions at the same level may be filled from this vacancy notice and the endorsed candidates will be considered for the Employment Roster for a period of 2 years
- Candidates may be requested to provide performance assessments

REMUNERATION

A competitive compensation and benefits package is offered. For information on UN salaries, allowances and benefits, click on the following link: http://www.un.org/Depts/OHRM/salaries_allowances/salary.htm

HOW TO APPLY

To apply, visit the iRecruitment website at <http://www.fao.org/employment/recruitment-access/en/> and complete your online profile. Only applications received through iRecruitment will be considered.

Candidates are requested to attach a letter of motivation to the online profile.

Vacancies will be removed from iRecruitment at 23:59 Central European Time (CET) on the deadline for applications date. We encourage applicants to submit the application well before the deadline date.

If you need help, or have queries, please contact: iRecruitment@fao.org

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