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Deadline For Application: 29 July 2014

POSITION TITLE:	Agribusiness Officer	GRADE LEVEL:	P3
		DUTY STATION:	Accra, Ghana
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Regional Office for Africa (RAF)	DURATION *:	Fixed Term: 2 years (extendable)
		POST CODE/N°:	unidentified
		CCOG CODE:	1E

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

The overall goal of the project “*Strengthening linkages between small actors and buyers in the roots and tubers sector in Africa*” (GCP/RAF/159/EC) is to improve the livelihoods of small producers and actors engaged in the roots and tubers value chains in selected African ACP countries through the promotion of linkages to domestic and regional markets. The project will be structured around four outputs:

1. Align existing national and regional strategies with initiatives supporting the development of improved regional market integration for the roots and tubers sector in African ACP regions.
2. Strengthen the competitiveness and viability of R&T sub-sector by improving business models, sustainable intensification of production, SME capacity and Farmer Organizations’ Capacity.
3. Improve access to information services and finance for smallholders.
4. Improve access for small producers to climatic risk management instruments.

Under the overall supervision of the Assistant Director- General/Regional Representative (ADG/RR), FAO Regional Office for Africa and the supervision of the Agroindustry Officer, RAF, and the project coordinator in Rome, the incumbent will coordinate project activities to be undertaken with respect to strategy alignment and implementation. He/she will ensure, in close collaboration with the project coordinator, ensure the implementation and coordination of project activities within countries and across subject matters. Specific duties are as follows:

- support the planning, coordination and implementation of project activities;
- identify appropriate service providers, NGOs and consultants for the implementation of project activities;
- provide technical support for the identification of project beneficiaries including Small and Medium Enterprises, farmer organizations and other value chain partners;
- undertake the preparation of letters of agreement and contracts for implementation of project activities by field partners;
- review project outputs, including service provider project reports, training materials, ensuring high quality delivery etc.;
- visit sites for monitoring, technical support and facilitation of project activities;
- organize inception, lesson learning and training workshops including the identification facilitators and participants;
- communicate and liaise with field partners to ensure project activities are implemented according to work plans and high technical standards;
- communicate with regional partners (regional economic organizations and farmer federations) to ensure harmonization of activities and exchange of information;
- support the project coordinator to ensure timely project delivery and high quality reporting requirements;
- prepare proposals for resource mobilization;
- perform other duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced university degree in business, agribusiness, agricultural economics, agricultural engineering, or related subjects
- Five years of relevant experience, including the management of projects related to farmer-market linkages, enterprise development and value chain development in developing countries
- Working knowledge of English and French

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent and relevance of experience implementing project activities and managing contracts with service providers and consultants in developing countries, particularly in Africa;
- Experience designing, organizing and facilitating meetings and workshops, including drafting terms of reference;
- Extent of knowledge of cooperative development, SMEs and value chain development, particularly related to domestic and regional staple crop markets;
- Extent and relevance of experience in producing project progress reports, technical papers and training materials;
- Quality of both oral and written communication skills on technical issues;
- Capacity to work in a multi-disciplinary team and to interact with government and industry stakeholders;
- Familiarity with administrative and financial procedures of FAO would be an asset.

- Work experience in more than one location or area of work, particularly in field positions is desirable

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

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