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Deadline For Application: 23 December 2010

POSITION TITLE:	Communication Officer WFD/Advocacy Activities	GRADE LEVEL:	P-2
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Office of the ADG/Director, OCE Office of Corporate Communications and External Relations, OCE	DUTY STATION:	Rome, Italy
		DURATION *:	Fixed-term: 3 years
		POST CODE/N°:	2002615
		CCOG CODE:	

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

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Office of Corporate Communications and External Relations aims to deliver a cutting-edge communication and partnerships programme that supports FAO's work and mandate.

Under the overall guidance of the ADG/Director, OCE and the direct supervision of the Coordinator (WFD/Advocacy Activities), the incumbent will support the implementation of FAO-initiated activities and events related to World Food Day (WFD) and advocacy/ communication activities. In particular, will:

- research the advocacy policies, work programmes and activities of other UN organizations, including the Rome-based agencies, to monitor relevant developments and identify implications for FAO;
- establish contacts with relevant units, both within and external to FAO, that are involved in awareness-raising and outreach activities such as the Millennium Campaign's advocacy work at country level, etc., in order to identify areas in which WFD activities could be developed;
- contribute to the preparation, consolidation and/or editing of reports on various advocacy and outreach activities, events and campaigns; provide inputs to related web sites;
- support the development of partnership arrangements with youth-related organizations, civil society organizations, the private sector, parliamentary committees or other stakeholders and constituencies as needed;
- interact with counterparts in the decentralized offices to share relevant information and keep up-to-date with their initiatives in support of community projects (e.g. TeleFood projects) in order to provide inputs to the further development of FAO's advocacy and communications activities;
- research and draft proposals for WFD awareness- and fund-raising activities;
- handle requests for information both from within and outside the Organization and represent the work unit in meetings as required;
- perform other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- University degree in Political Science, Public Relations, Journalism, or related field
- Three years of experience in advocacy, communication or public relations at national and/or international level
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent and relevance of advocacy, communication or public relations experience
- Demonstrated knowledge of the web and social media
- Extent of knowledge of FAO's major programmes and policies
- Demonstrated written and oral communication skills
- Demonstrated capacity to plan, organize and implement multiple work assignments with minimum supervision
- Depth of understanding of the work of international organizations
- Demonstrated experience in fundraising

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/>

TO APPLY: Carefully read and follow the **Guidelines to applicants**

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