

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

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Deadline For Application: 7 February 2011

Position Title: Communication for Development Officer

GRADE LEVEL: P-2

ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: Research and Extension Branch, OEKR

DUTY STATION: Rome

DURATION *: Fixed term: 3 years

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

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the overall supervision of the Director, OEK and the direct supervision of the Chief, OEKR, the incumbent will provide support in the application of Communication for Development (ComDev) methodologies in the area of agricultural innovation, natural resources management and sustainable rural development with specific focus on the application of new media and tools. In particular, will:

- Provide inputs to the planning and design of appropriate communication strategies, communication needs assessments, analysis of requirements, monitoring and evaluation, assessment of results;
- Participate in the identification, formulation and implementation of ComDev programmes and projects with particular attention to the design, application and integration of different media and communication systems in rural areas;
- Provide technical (ComDev) backstopping during the implementation of national, regional and global projects, particularly in francophone Africa;
- Participate in the monitoring of the use of communication media in ComDev applications;
- Draft components for inclusion in ComDev publications, web sites, training, information and multimedia materials;
- Provide support in the organization of, and participate in, technical workshops, consultations, seminars and training sessions on the conceptual and practical aspects of ComDev;
- Support the development of ComDev communities of practice and platforms at global, regional and national level;
- Provide support to the promotion of integration of community media and ICTs, including mobile phones, in ComDev activities;
- Contribute to the development and implementation of training programmes in ComDev, including the use of new media;
- Perform other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- University Degree in Communication, Social Sciences or closely related discipline
- Three years of relevant experience in the implementation of Communication for Development programmes and projects
- Working knowledge of English and French

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent of working experience in implementing and backstopping programmes and projects in the field of ComDev
- Extent of experience in the application of ComDev methodologies and new media in support of agricultural innovation, natural resource management and rural development
- Extent of experience in organizing and facilitating workshops, and training events
- Degree of familiarity with FAO's approaches and programme of work in the field of ComDev
- Quality of both written and oral communication skills
- Demonstrated ability to write technical documents clearly and concisely

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

Send your application to: V.A 2487-OEK

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