



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

## PROFESSIONAL VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT N°: 2530-RAP

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POSITION TITLE:	<b>Technical Officer</b> (Water Resources Development and Conservation)	GRADE LEVEL: P-3
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	<b>Regional office for Asia and the Pacific</b> RAP	DUTY STATION: Bangkok, Thailand DURATION *: Fixed term: 3 years POST CODE/N°: 0072559 CCOG CODE: 1B06C

**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 managerial and administrative supervision of the ADG/RR, RAP, the direct supervision of the Senior Water Management Officer, RAP and the functional guidance of the Director, Land and Water Development Division, NRL, and in close cooperation with relevant technical officers in RAP and at Headquarters, the incumbent will participate in the analysis, development and implementation of normative work and field projects in irrigation and water resources management in the Region. In particular, the incumbent will:

- support the government of the Region in the fields of sustainable water development and management for agricultural use, irrigation, drainage as well as water resources and environmental conservation; participating in advising governments and technical departments on most appropriate technologies and management practices;
- contribute to identifying and formulating requests for external assistance by governments and NGO's in the field of water resources development and conservation, as well as irrigation and water management;
- analyse, assemble and review data on all aspects of water resources and development in the Region;
- develop training materials, organize, and conduct training seminars and workshops in the field of water resources development and conservation, irrigation modernization and on-farm water management;
- participate in sector studies on water and agriculture to identify policy options and priorities for investment;
- contribute to the implementation of the Regular Programme and provide inputs for periodical planning;
- participate in regional and international conferences/meetings/workshops related to water development and management, irrigation, drainage and related subjects;
- provide technical backstopping for the implementation of field projects in particular the Special Programme for Food Security (SPFS) with regard to efficient on-farm water management practices and low cost irrigation technologies for small holders;
- provide the units concerned at the Regional Office and at HQs with inputs for region-wide periodic planning and programming exercises and other reports;
- perform other duties as required.

### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

*Candidates should meet the following:*

- Advanced University degree in water resources or agricultural engineering or related subjects with specialization in water resources, civil engineering or irrigation
- Five years of relevant experience in the field of water development and management, with relevant experience at international level
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese or Russian

### SELECTION CRITERIA

*Candidates will be assessed against the following:*

- Extent and relevance of experience in large scale irrigation systems management and design
- Extent and relevance of experience with water resources development, planning, management and conservation
- Extent of international experience and relevance of working experience in countries of the Region.
- Extent of experience in smallholder irrigation technologies, water harvesting inland valley development and water conservation techniques.
- Extent of experience in participating in multidisciplinary teams for the development of water-related projects and programmes
- Extent of experience with training of irrigation specialists and extension staff
- Level of initiative and sense of responsibility,
- Demonstrated ability to communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing
- Level of knowledge of FAO official languages relevant for the region,

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

Send your application to:

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