



POSITION TITLE:	Information Officer (Africa Region)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-3
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Media Relations Branch, OCEM Office of Corporate Communications and External Relations, OCE	DUTY STATION:	Rome
		DURATION *:	Fixed term: 3 years
		POST CODE/N°:	C/0031437
		CCOG CODE:	1A08

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 supervision of the Chief, OCEM, and working closely with the news group team, the incumbent will play an active role in producing relevant information and communication material with a special emphasis on developments in the Africa Region. In particular, will:

- Propose and originate press releases, news features, Op-Eds, speeches and other information materials for print media, the Web and/or social media relating to the Region;
- Adapt Director-General's Op-Eds, briefing notes and other information material for the news media in the Region as required;
- Maintain close contacts with key technical staff both at headquarters and in the field to discuss their programmes and projects in the Region with a view to identifying news opportunities;
- Coordinate print, radio and internet interviews;
- Contribute to the updating of the online FAO newsroom ;
- Undertake duty travel for media and advocacy contacts, identifying and/or undertaking field reportage missions as appropriate;
- Attend major FAO meetings to organize media coverage;
- Monitor and regularly analyse media coverage in the Region;
- Compile a regular summary and analysis of relevant issues and coverage of Africa by international and African media;
- Perform other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- University degree in Communication Journalism, Social Sciences Political Science or related subject
- Five years of relevant experience in journalism and/or public information which included at least three years in an international context
- Working knowledge of English and French and limited knowledge of one of the other official languages of the Organization

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent and relevance of experience in the field of journalism and public information at the international level
- Depth of knowledge and understanding of news media
- Quality of both written and reporting skills in English and French
- Depth of knowledge and understanding of the internet and social media
- Extent of knowledge and understanding of key issues in the Africa region related to the work of FAO in areas of food security, agriculture, forestry, fisheries and rural development

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**

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TO APPLY: Carefully read and follow the Guidelines to applicants

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