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Deadline For Application: 25 November 2013

POSITION TITLE:	Technical Officer (Food Losses)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-3
		DUTY STATION:	Rome, Italy
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Rural Infrastructure and Agro-Industries Division, AGS	DURATION *:	2 years
	Agriculture and Consumer Protection Department, AG	POST CODE/N°:	unidentified
		CCOG CODE:	1H01

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

Under the overall supervision of the Director, AGS, and the supervision and technical guidance of the Group Leader, Agro-food Industries Group (AFI), AGS, and in consultation with other relevant partners at the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) the incumbent will:

- contribute to the strategy and action plan of the emerging FAO Global Programme on Food Losses and Waste and related projects and programmes;
- identify, select and supervise national consultants for field case studies and development of sustainable solutions for food losses;
- support the national level field case studies on sustainable solutions for food losses by improving the methodology for assessment of the impact of food losses and determining the viability of food loss solutions;
- provide field level (national and regional) support on food loss assessments and solutions. Specifically this will include the allocation of up to 15% of total staff time for activities being supported by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) on food losses. This will include the IFAD funded national loss assessments in selected countries in Africa and Asia and the organization of the planned regional workshop in collaboration with the private sector initiative under SAVE FOOD which is also under the FAO Global Initiative on Food Loss and Waste Reduction; develop knowledge management products for IFAD to provide Country Project Managers with improved information, awareness and tools on loss assessments and reduction options for enhanced design and implementation of loan projects;
- support the food supply chain analysis and formulation of options to reduce food losses;
- serve as a member of the FAO Interdepartmental Working Group on Food Losses and Waste;
- contribute to the studies on the socio-economic and environmental impact of food losses and waste;
- develop materials and items to be published on the FAO Food losses website and emerging Global Community of Practice, as well as on IFAD websites as appropriate;
- respond to queries from partners and others on food losses and waste;
- perform other duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced university degree in post harvest management/food science or technology/Agricultural economics
- Five years of relevant experience in food supply chains/agricultural research or support services to the agricultural sector, working for an Institution, an NGO, Government, private company or as independent consultant
- Working knowledge of English

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent of relevant experience in food loss programmes or projects;
- Demonstrated technical capacity to assess and address food loss issues;
- Ability and willingness to travel extensively in support of field programmes and projects;
- Extent of experience working with UN agencies/ member governments and engagement with CSO's on food loss/post harvest issues;
- Working knowledge of French would be an asset

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/>

For guidelines to applicants, please visit the Application Toolkit at: <http://www.fao.org/employment/current-vacancies/project/en/>

Send your application to:

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