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Deadline For Application: 29 June 2014

POSITION TITLE:	Chief Technical Advisor	GRADE LEVEL:	P5
		DUTY STATION:	Harare,Zimbabwe
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	FAO Representation in Zimbabwe	DURATION *:	Fixed term: two years (with possibility of renewal)
		POST CODE/N ^o :	unidentified
		CCOG CODE:	1.E.02

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 guidance of the FAO Representative in Zimbabwe, the supervision of the FAO-Zimbabwe Head of Operations and in close collaboration with the FAO-Zimbabwe Head of Programmes and relevant FAO technical and support staff, donors, implementing partners and government, the Chief Technical Advisor is responsible for the overall management of the Agricultural Productivity and Nutrition (APN) component of the Zimbabwe Livelihoods and Food Security Programme (LFSP) and Agricultural Development Fund (ADF) resources. In particular, the incumbent will:

- plan, manage and lead highly specialized or multi-disciplinary teams, coordinate, and provides technical leadership
- analyze project's specific requirements and relevant technical issues to provide critical input and administrative guidance for its implementation and the execution of the Ministry of Agriculture's policies in relation to the project;
- prepare project progress reports to review and monitor the outputs and results of the project against agreed work plan, and to identify constraints and issues that require timely resolution and corrective actions;
- implements and monitor programmes of work involving the development of the approach and preparation of expenditure plan;
- identify and implement strategic partnerships, advocate best practices and increased policy dialogue, develop and negotiate effective working relationships/consensus and agreements with international and national stakeholders
- plan and oversee the provision of all FAO inputs, including organizing and assisting in purchase of equipment and supplies, and arranging for their maintenance;
- perform other related duties, as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced university degree agricultural economics, agricultural extension, agribusiness or a related field
- Ten years of relevant experience in managing large, multi-component donor-funded projects aimed at enhancing food, nutrition and income security, as well as projects geared towards linking smallholders to markets and rural finance
- Working knowledge of English, and limited knowledge of one of the another official FAO language (Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian or Spanish)

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent and relevance of experience in implementing projects in one or more of the following fields: farmer-driven extension systems (such as Farmer Field Schools (FFS), access to rural finance and establishment of market linkages following a value chain approach and support to agribusinesses; climate smart agriculture; nutrition improvement; and linking evidence with policy and decision processes
- Extent and relevance of experience in Southern Africa with national and local governments, donors, NGOs, academic and research institutions, including the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR), is considered a strong asset
- Demonstrated experience in building strategic partnerships to achieve results
- Excellent communication skills, including ability to write concise technical reports in English
- Work experience in more than one location or area of work, particularly in field positions is essential
- Work experience in Zimbabwe is considered 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

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Send your application to:

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The FAO Recruitment Office
FAOR Zimbabwe
PO Box 3730 Harare
E-mail: SFS-ZW-Recruitment@fao.org

Note: Email address has been amended.

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