



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

PROFESSIONAL VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT N°: OEK-847-12-PRJ

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Deadline For Application: 17 December 2012

POSITION TITLE:	Senior Evaluation Officer	GRADE LEVEL:	P-5
		DUTY STATION:	Rome
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	CGIAR Independent Evaluation Arrangement – FAO/OEK	DURATION *:	until 31/12/2013 (with possibility of extension)
	Office of Knowledge Exchange, Research and Extension	POST CODE/N°:	
		CCOG CODE:	1A02

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

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

CGIAR is a global scientific research-for-development partnership consisting of the Consortium, Centers, CGIAR Funders, and Partners to implement its Strategy and Results Framework (SRF). As part the reform of the CGIAR, an Independent Evaluation Arrangement (IEA) Office has been established, located in FAO under the Fund Use Agreement between FAO and the CGIAR Fund. The main mandate of the IEA is to undertake strategic evaluation of major research programmes of the CGIAR, mostly through commissioning external consultants and to develop a coordinated and harmonized evaluation regime within the CGIAR. The CGIAR Policy for Independent External Evaluation can be found on the following web link:

http://www.cgiarfund.org/independent_evaluation_arrangement

The Head of IEA reports directly to the CGIAR Fund Council, liaising closely with the CGIAR Consortium Board and CGIAR Centers. As agreed by the Fund Council and as per the IEA policy, the IEA office will be staffed with a small team of highly qualified and motivated evaluation experts. The IEA Head is seeking a Senior Evaluation Expert (P5 level).

Under the overall supervision of the Director, IEA, the Senior Evaluation Officer will facilitate the overall management of the Office and all aspects of evaluation work. In particular, the incumbent will to:

- manage evaluations of CGIAR Research Programs (CRPs) and support the periodic evaluation of the CGIAR system as a whole;
- lead the preparation of reports and synthesis of evaluations including reports to the Fund Council, Consortium and Centers;
- liaise with the Fund Council, the Consortium and the Centers on evaluation matters;
- develop and strengthen a coordinated and harmonized evaluation regime in the CGIAR;
- develop and facilitate the establishment of a network of evaluators in the CGIAR;
- liaise with the CGIAR Standing Panel on Impact Assessment (SPIA) to facilitate the use of impact assessment in evaluation as well as liaising with the Consortium and its member Centers to facilitate the complementarity of results based monitoring with independent evaluation;
- lead the development of evaluation methodology and evaluation good practices adapted to research evaluation;
- provide guidance, performance evaluation and supervision to relevant staff;
- perform other duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- University degree in agricultural or related disciplines, including economic or social science or evaluation
- Ten years of relevant experience in evaluation and in the analysis of agricultural and rural development issues at the international level
- Working knowledge of English and limited knowledge of French or Spanish

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Relevance and level of academic qualifications
- Extent and relevance of experience and evidence of evaluation capacity at senior level, particularly as it relates to agricultural and rural development
- Extent and relevance of experience in the organization and conduct of development evaluations at all levels from project to program and institution, specifically evaluation of agricultural research and other related programs
- Leadership ability and supervisory skills including experience in managing large evaluation teams
- Knowledge and experience of agricultural research at the international level
- Working knowledge of other languages
- Excellent communication skills and ability to write analytical, clear and concise reports

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 PHF to:

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