Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

PROFESSIONAL VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT N°: RAF-848-12-PRJ

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Deadline For Application: **07 January 2013**

POSITION TITLE:	**Chief Technical Advisor** (Hunger-free Initiative for West Africa0	**GRADE LEVEL:** **DUTY STATION:**	**P-4** **Accra, Ghana (for the first 12 months with possible change of duty station thereafter)**
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	**Regional Office for Africa** RAF	**DURATION ∗:** **POST CODE/N°:** **CCOG CODE:**	**Fixed Term: 3 years** **Unidentified** **1I02**

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

Under the supervision of the Regional Office for Africa (RAF) and the technical guidance of ESA, will coordinate the implementation of the project and serve as the main contact for the government counterpart. In particular, the incumbent will;

- Manage the overall implementation of the project; provide support to participating UN and Government counterpart agencies as appropriate, and ensure effective and timely execution through concerted efforts of UN agencies, government agencies and other related parties;
- Prepare annual work plans in full consultation with the professional staff of FAO involved in the implementation of the Project and based on the logical framework presented in the project document;
- Review progress made towards stated objectives and results on a quarterly basis;
- Provide technical guidance to the Project and immediate collaborating partners to ensure consistency in methods and techniques adopted within the different components of the Project;
- Develop capacity development material in close coordination with FAO's Knowledge and Communication Department and with external partners;
- Facilitate learning and exchange between country teams;
- Ensure adequate monitoring, supervision and administrative control of the implementation of the Project;
- Undertake advisory missions as required;
- Provide supervision of other Project staff and consultants;
- Prepare periodic reports as required by FAO;
- Perform other project tasks as may be required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced University degree in economics, social science or related field with in depth knowledge of human rights in development and rights-based approaches
- At least seven years relevant experience in political economy and governance concerns
- Working knowledge of English and French

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent of knowledge and experience on right-based approaches in food and nutrition security area
- Experience on projects and programmes management, especially in a UN context
- Experience of working in Africa, particularly in the West Africa and areas with difficult security conditions
- Ability to manage a team of professionals and to build partnerships
- Quality of communication, writing and presentation skills in English and French

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: E-mail: VA-848-12-PRJ-ESA@fao.org

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