



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

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Deadline For Application: 07 January 2013

POSITION TITLE:	Nutrition Security Expert (Hunger-free Initiative for West Africa)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-3
		DUTY STATION:	Accra, Ghana (first 12 months with possible change of duty station thereafter)
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Regional Officer for Africa RAF	DURATION *:	Fixed Term: 3 years
		POST CODE/N°:	Unidentified
		CCOG CODE:	1102

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 overall supervision of the Chief Technical Advisor, the technical guidance of the Lead Technical Officer, ESN, and in close coordination with ESA, will coordinate the implementation of activities for the achievement of Output 3 of the project. In particular, the incumbent will:

- Provide technical support to countries in mainstreaming nutrition in their national food security and agricultural policies and investment plans (in particular National Programmes for Food Security CAADP Compacts and investment plans);
- Support agriculture sector engagement in national coordination mechanisms on nutrition, linking with the REACH partnership and SUN Movement;
- Document experience of countries which are placing Nutrition and the Right to Food on their political agenda to be shared to stimulate commitment at regional level and provide incentives for other countries to act;
- On Government request carry out country specific technical assistance missions and participate in regional events on food and nutrition security;
- Develop tools and guidelines designed to strengthen the food and nutrition security impact of programmes;
- Design and hold capacity development events for staff of regional agencies (CILSS, RAAF and WAHO) to enhance agriculture and nutrition linkages and facilitate inter-country knowledge exchange on food and nutrition security;
- Support collaboration between ECOWAS and the NPCA (NEPAD Secretariat), in particular the NPCA Food and Nutrition Security Unit;
- Perform other project tasks as may be required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced University degree with specialization in food and nutrition security or closely related field
- At least five years experience in food and nutrition security analysis, policies and programmes; rights-based approaches to development and good knowledge of the Right to Food and capacity development for food and nutrition security
- Working knowledge of English and French

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent of knowledge and experience in nutrition programming in agriculture and social protection sectors
- Experience of working in Africa, particularly in the West Africa region
- Experience in working with UN agencies
- Ability to build appropriate partnerships and to promote inter-sectoral coordination
- 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-849-12-PRJ-ESA@fao.org

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