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Deadline For Application: **31 July 2012**

POSITION TITLE:	Policy Officer	GRADE LEVEL:	P-4
		DUTY STATION:	Abu Dhabi, UAE
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Subregional Office for the GCC States & Yemen	DURATION *:	one year (renewable subject to continuity of funding)
	SNG	POST CODE/N°:	2002789
		CCOG CODE:	1E02

**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 Subregional Coordinator, the functional guidance of the Director, Policy and Programme Development Support Division (TCS), in close coordination with the Senior Policy Officer, RNE, the incumbent, as a member of the Sub-regional multidisciplinary team, will provide appropriate technical inputs on sustainable agriculture development policy as well as advice and support in this field to member countries, as required, with particular attention to the analysis of policy dimensions and implications of major issues of sub-regional and regional relevance regarding food security, agriculture and rural development. In particular, the incumbent will:

- Provide technical inputs and advice on national and sub-regional policies and strategies affecting sustainable food security, agriculture development, poverty and rural development with emphasis on small and family farms, including support to member countries and Regional Economic Integration Organizations in the sub-region, as required;
- Monitor key developments in countries of the sub-region and keep updated information for use in Country Briefs and analytical work with particular attention to food security and rural development issues, interacting and exchanging information with the policy officers in the region and participating in the elaboration of country economic and agricultural sector profiles;
- Provide advice to FAO decentralized offices in member countries in the formulation/revision of the Country Programming Frameworks and related action programmes;
- Contribute to field programme development from project idea through formulation, approval and funding;
- Provide technical support for enhancing support to FAO strategic partnerships and member countries in the analysis and formulation of policies, strategies and programmes for sustainable agriculture, rural development and food security and for associated capacity building;
- Participate in or contribute to missions and activities for: (a) identification, formulation, appraisal and backstopping of national, sub-regional and/or regional programmes and projects in areas of FAO's mandate; (b) review and develop technical cooperation programmes in line with agricultural development priorities and frameworks of the sub-region and its member countries; and (c) provide technical support to FAO Representatives in the formulation/revision of their National Medium-Term Priority Frameworks (NMPFs) and related action programmes, as required.
- Support FAO decentralized offices in member countries in prioritization of FAO technical cooperation themes and participation in in-country national and multilateral strategies and processes such as those led by the International Financing Institutions (Poverty Reduction Strategy) and the United Nations (Common Country Assessment, Common Strategic Framework, UN Development Assistance Framework, MDGs);
- Perform other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced university degree in economics, agricultural economics, development economics or in a field related to the work of the Organization.
- Seven years of relevant experience in providing policy advice and assistance; conducting of sector policy analysis and planning; designing and formulation of policies, strategies, programmes and development projects; preparation of technical policy papers for presentation at international/regional fora.
- Working knowledge of English. Knowledge of Arabic would be an asset

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Level of familiarity with the key policy issues in the sub-region in the context of the need to maintain agriculture's competitiveness and food security in the face of globalization, trade liberalization and technological evolution;
- Familiarity with the economic, social and cultural conditions of the countries of the sub-region.
- Extent of relevant experience in policy analysis and advice on agricultural and food security policy issues.
- Communication skills both orally and in writing. Writing skills in Arabic would be an asset.
- Demonstrated ability to work in a team and under pressure, establish and maintain effective working relations with senior Government officials, experts and people of different national and cultural backgrounds, and to plan and organize own work and meet deadlines.
- Extent of experience in organizing international, regional, sub-regional and country-level technical workshops to discuss policy issues and to support capacity building activities related to policy analysis and formulation.

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/>

TO APPLY: Carefully read and follow the Guidelines to applicants

Send your application to:

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