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Deadline For Application: 27 May 2014

POSITION TITLE:	Technical Officer (Food Waste)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-2
		DUTY STATION:	Rome
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Rural Infrastructure and Agro-industries Division, AGS	DURATION *:	24 months
	Agriculture and Consumer Protection Department, AG	POST CODE/N°:	unidentified
		CCOG CODE:	1H01

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 supervision of the Director, Rural Infrastructure and Agro-Industries Division (AGS) and the direct supervision of the Group Leader of the Agro-Food Industries Group, the incumbent will assist in the implementation of the activities under projects: i) FMM/GLO/103/MUL - Global Initiative on Food Loss and Waste Reduction; ii) RBA/GLO/001/SWI - Mainstreaming food loss reduction initiatives for smallholders in food deficit areas and iii) GCP/GLO/402/IRE - Global initiative on food loss and waste reduction. In particular, the incumbent will:

- undertake research on the policy dimensions of food losses and waste by collecting and analyzing information on national and regional policies, regulations and laws, including in countries where field studies are being undertaken;
- contribute to the development of issue briefs and articles on food losses and waste in collaboration with the members of the Working Group on Food Losses;
- provide information on the policy dimensions of food losses and waste as a contribution to activities on awareness raising, advocacy, and coordination of initiatives;
- assist in the promotion of world-wide activities in the area of food waste reduction;
- develop and maintain contacts in the area of food losses and wastes with other organizations for general coordination and exchange of information;
- liaise with and support the FAO Regional/Liaison Offices in the development and implementation of programmes for the prevention and reduction of food waste;
- perform other related duties as required

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced degree in policy development, including policies / regulations on agriculture; food safety and consumer protection; and environmental protection
 - Three years of relevant experience in the areas of agricultural and food systems, with emphasis on prevention and reduction of food waste and food loss
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese or Russian

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Work experience in more than one location or area of work, particularly in field positions is desirable
- Extent of relevant professional knowledge, skills and experience in the policy dimension of food losses and waste.
- Extent of analytical experience, including ability to utilize and synthesize cross-disciplinary research
- Quality of written and oral communication skills, including the ability to analyze and synthesize technical and scientific information, to write clearly, and develop materials for a range of audiences using a variety of channels
- Working knowledge of English and French would be an asset
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively in multidisciplinary and multicultural teams in complex organizations, to take initiative and deliver quality results while meeting deadlines under shifting priorities

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

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For guidelines to applicants, please visit the Application Toolkit at: <http://www.fao.org/employment/current-vacancies/project/en/>

Send your application to:

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