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POSITION TITLE:	Project Coordinator (Agribusiness Economist)	GRADE LEVEL:	P4
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Rural Infrastructure and Agro-Industries Division, AGS Agriculture and Consumer Protection Department, AG	DUTY STATION:	Rome, Italy
		DURATION *:	Fixed-term: 2 years (extendable)
		POST CODE/N°:	unidentified
		CCOG CODE:	1E

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 supervision of the Senior Officer and Group Leader of the Market Linkages and Value Chains group, the incumbent will coordinate and manage all activities for the project entitled "*Strengthening linkages between small actors and buyers in the roots and tubers sector in Africa*" (GCP/RAF/159/EC). The overall goal of the project is to improve the livelihoods of small producers and actors engaged in the roots and tubers value chains in selected African ACP countries through the promotion of linkages to domestic and regional markets. The project will be structured around four outputs:

1. Align existing national and regional strategies with initiatives supporting the development of improved regional market integration for the roots and tubers sector in African ACP regions.
2. Strengthen the competitiveness and viability of R&T sub-sector by improving business models, sustainable intensification of production, SME capacity and Farmer Organizations' Capacity.
3. Improve access to information services and finance for smallholders.
4. Improve access for small producers to climatic risk management instruments.

The incumbent will ensure, in close collaboration with the Agro-industries officer in the Regional Officer for Africa, RAF the integration and coordination of project activities within countries and across subject matters. In particular, he/she will:

- Plan and coordinate the implementation of project activities;
- Supervise the identification of appropriate service providers, NGOs and consultants for the implementation of project activities;
- Supervise the identification of project beneficiaries including Small and Medium Enterprises, farmer organizations and other value chain partners;
- Review and technically clear the preparation of letters of agreement and contracts for implementation of project activities by field partners;
- Review, technically clear, project outputs, including service provider project reports, training materials, ensuring high quality delivery etc. ;
- Visit sites for monitoring, technical support and facilitation of project activities;
- Supervise the organization of inception, lesson learning and training workshops,
- Communicate and liaise with field partners to ensure project activities are implemented according to work plans and high technical standards;
- Coordinate with FAO units to ensure provision of appropriate technical support services;
- Coordinate with donor and regional partners to ensure harmonization of activities and exchange of information;
- Support the consolidation and dissemination of lessons learned for FAO normative products ;
- Support regional project support staff to ensure high quality delivery of technical assistance to beneficiary countries and donor reporting requirements;
- Prepare proposals for resource mobilization;
- Ensure overall project reporting and budget management requirements;
- Perform other duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced university degree in agribusiness, agricultural economics or related subject;
- Seven years of relevant experience, including the management of projects related to agricultural development, farmer-market linkages and value chain development in developing countries;
- Working knowledge of English.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent and relevance of experience in producing project progress reports, and managing large project budgets
- Extent of experience and skills in managing contracts, and project technical outputs, with service providers and

- consultants in developing countries, particularly in Africa;
- Quality of both oral and written communication skills on technical issues;
- Capacity to work in a multi-disciplinary team and to interact with government and industry stakeholders;
- Familiarity with administrative and financial procedures of FAO would be an asset;
- Work experience in more than one location or area of work, particularly in field positions is desirable

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

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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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