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Deadline For Application: 9 October 2013

POSITION TITLE:	Project Manager (Food Losses)	GRADE LEVEL:	P4
		DUTY STATION:	Rome, Italy
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Rural Infrastructure and Agro-Industries Division, AGS Agriculture and Consumer Protection Department, AG	DURATION *:	3 years (extendable)
		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, AGS, and the supervision and technical guidance of the Group Leader, Agro-food Industries Group, AGS, and in consultation with other relevant partners at both the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the World Food Programme (WFP), the Project Manager (Food Losses) will provide technical guidance and management of the UN Joint Project "Mainstreaming food loss reduction initiatives for smallholders in food deficit areas" to be funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Co-operation and Development. In particular, the incumbent will:

- develop and lead the implementation of a detailed Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWPB) for the global Inter Agency Project;
- ensure timely delivery of results against the agreed AWPB and co-ordinate and supervise the work of the Country Co-ordination Teams (FAO, IFAD, WFP and SDC);
- develop materials and contribute to the development of knowledge to be used in high level policy fora;
- provide leadership to the Global Community of Practice (CoP) to be set up and lead the development of its technical content;
- engage with national governments in selected countries at strategic and policy level to promote both awareness and investments in food loss reduction;
- engage with other partners both in the three agencies (FAO, IFAD and WFP) and ensure a smooth flow of information and processes (administrative, reporting and financial) between the three agencies, selected countries and other SDC funded post harvest initiatives;
- engage with strategic and regional networks and partners to promote the project Impact, Outcomes, Outputs, and Activities;
- act as champion for the project in developing linkages and pro-actively promote investments in food loss reduction including with the private sector;
- monitor and evaluate the impact of the project activities and deliver regular project reports;
- prepare proposals for improved national regulatory frameworks on food loss reduction;
- develop a detailed proposal for the second phase of the project for consideration by SDC;
- act as secretary of the Inter-agency Steering Committee;
- perform other related duties as required

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced university degree in food technology/engineering or food and/or agricultural Economics or related field
- Seven years of relevant experience in the planning and implementation of development projects and/or programmes, including field work related to post-harvest food/grains management
- Working knowledge of English and French

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent of experience in post harvest management/food loss projects implementation;
- Demonstrated technical capacity to present complex issues and influence policy development and implementation;
- Demonstrated capacity and skills in effectively managing multidonor projects and/or programmes;
- Ability and willingness to establish and travel extensively in support of field programme implementation;
- Excellent communication, networking, written and presentation skills;
- Extent of experience in working with governmental services, donors, NGOs and other UN agencies (specifically IFAD and WFP) is an asset
- Excellent networking skills
- Familiarity with FAO/UN system, rules and procedures is preferable

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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