



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

## PROFESSIONAL VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT N°: IRC2116

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Deadline For Application: **24 September 2012**

POSITION TITLE:	<b>Policy Officer</b>	GRADE LEVEL:	<b>P-4</b>
		DUTY STATION:	<b>Cairo, Egypt</b>
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	<b>Regional Office for the Near East (RNE)</b>	DURATION *:	<b>Fixed Term: 3 years</b>
		POST CODE/N°:	<b>2002119</b>
		CCOG CODE:	<b>1.E</b>

**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 duty stations within the region depending on the evolving needs of the Organization particularly Amman Jordan**

### DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the general supervision of the Assistant Director-General/Regional Representative, RNE, the functional guidance of the Director, Policy and Programme Development Support Division (TCS), and the direct guidance of the Senior Policy Officer, RNE, the incumbent will be an integral part of the policy assistance team in the region, and will contribute with appropriate technical inputs on agriculture, rural development and food security policy as well as advice and support in this field to member countries, as required. The incumbent will also contribute to strengthening partnership and knowledge networks within and outside the Organization, supporting country-level actions guided by FAO's Country Programme Framework (CPF) as well as increasing South-South and triangular cooperation. In particular, the incumbent will:

support country-level actions guided by FAO's Country Programming Frameworks (CPFs), subregional and regional priority frameworks and higher-level strategic frameworks of the Organization in order to transform FAO's knowledge products into country-level results and impacts;

Provide technical inputs and advice on national and regional policies and strategies affecting sustainable food security, agricultural development, poverty reduction and rural development, development of entrepreneurship and investment in agriculture, including support to member countries and Regional Economic Integration Organizations in the region, as required;

Monitor key developments in countries of the region and keep updated their 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 all FAO decentralized offices 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 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 and contribute to missions for identification, formulation, appraisal and backstopping of regional programmes and projects in areas of FAO's mandate;

Support all FAO decentralized offices 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 UN Development Assistance Framework, Millennium Development Goals); Ensure that all policies and programmes supporting FAO's gender equality policy are implemented in FAO's field programme of the region / subregion;

Gender equality and women's empowerment issues are addressed, monitored and reported on for all narrative and field activities;

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 of related to the work of organization;
- Seven years of relevant experience in providing policy advice and assistance; conducting sector policy analysis and planning; designing and formulating policies, strategies, and development programmes and projects; preparing technical policy papers for presentation at international/regional fora;
- Working knowledge of English and limited knowledge of Arabic or French.

### SELECTION CRITERIA

*Candidates will be assessed against the following:*

Level of familiarity with the key policy issues in the region in the context of the need to maintain agricultural 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 region

Extent of experience in policy analysis and advice on agricultural and food security policy issues

Excellent communication skills both orally and in writing including skills to write technical reports;

Demonstrated ability to work in team and under pressure and to plan and organize own work and meet deadlines

Relevance of experience in organizing international, regional, subregional and country-level technical workshops to discuss policy issues and to support capacity building activities related to policy analysis and formulation

Demonstrated ability to establish and maintain effective working relations with senior Government officials, experts and people of different national and cultural backgrounds

*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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and complete the on-line application

In order for your candidature to be properly evaluated, please ensure to complete the on-line application in all sections.

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