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Deadline For Application: 06 December 2012

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POSITION TITLE:	<b>Senior Administrative Officer</b>	GRADE LEVEL:	<b>P-5</b>
		DUTY STATION:	<b>Santiago, Chile</b>
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	<b>Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean</b>	DURATION *:	<b>Fixed Term: 2 years</b>
	<b>RLC</b>	POST CODE/N°:	<b>C/0126012</b>
		CCOG CODE:	<b>1A12</b>

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**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**

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#### DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the supervision of the ADG/Regional Representative and the Deputy Representative with the functional guidance of CSSDD, the incumbent supervises and coordinates the operation of the Unit providing a full range of activities that include administration, budget, programming and planning and financial services in support of FAO's regular and other programmes carried out in the region as well as support the Regional Conferences. In particular, the incumbent will:

- advise the ADG/RR in the preparation/formulation of FAO's regional programme of work and budget and that these are in line with RLC work plans and in compliance with the approved Programme of Work;
- advise the ADG/RR in the general administration of the Regional Office
- provide guidance, performance evaluation and supervision to relevant staff;
- oversee the work of the Shared Services Centre (SSC) hub;
- monitor availability of funds for RP programme and field projects; oversee preparation, monitoring and revision of Regional Office budget; ensure that financial commitments, expenditures and periodic budgetary reports are controlled and in line within established limits;
- identify operational, administrative and other constraints which may affect programme implementation and propose solutions to improve quality, timeliness, cost effectiveness;
- support the Regional Conference, World Food Day celebrations, and other important meetings;
- liaise with HQ units to resolve complex issues and with the Internal and External Auditors; prepare management replies to audit observations and queries, liaise with other UN agencies in Santiago on common services and participate in UN OMT meetings;
- oversee and ensure the maintenance of a reliable IT infrastructure and strategy for the Regional Office;
- ensure the maintenance of the office premises and space requirements; ensure that premises have adequate security and are MOSS compliant;
- provide advice and support the administration of Subregional Offices, FAO Countries and Liaison offices in the Region and conduct review missions as appropriate;
- negotiate the best terms for the Organization when procuring assets;
- perform other related duties as required.

**\* This Vacancy Announcement cancels and supersedes Vacancy Announcement No. 2454. Applicants who applied to VA-2454-RLC must apply to the present vacancy in iRecruitment in order to be considered.**

#### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

*Candidates should meet the following:*

- Advanced university degree in business or public administration, finance, social sciences or a related area.
- Ten years of relevant experience in at least two of the following areas: administration, budget, finance, fund management, human resources management
- Working knowledge of Spanish and English

#### SELECTION CRITERIA

*Candidates will be assessed against the following:*

- Extent of experience in the field of administration and management at the international level
- Leadership ability and supervisory skills
- Mature judgement and a high sense of initiative
- Ability to prioritize plans ahead and work methodically to optimize resources and deliver work effectively
- Excellent communication skills both orally and in writing
- Familiarity with the programmes and priorities of the Organization and with UN administrative procedures would be an asset
- Ability to build and maintain partnerships inside and outside the organization to achieve common goals
- Promote ideas, convince others and gain agreement from others to further the work and mission of FAO and the UN

*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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#### REMUNERATION

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To apply: visit the iRecruitment website at  
<http://www.fao.org/employment/irecruitment-access/en/>  
and complete the on-line application

In order for your application to be properly evaluated, please ensure that all sections of the on-line application are completed.

Please note that FAO staff members are international civil servants subject to the authority of the Director-General and may be assigned to any activities or office of the organization.

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