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Deadline For Application: 07 December 2012

POSITION TITLE:	<b>Food Security Officer</b>	GRADE LEVEL:	<b>P-4</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/2000753</b>
		CCOG CODE:	<b>1E02</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**

#### DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the overall managerial and administrative leadership of the ADG/Regional Representative for Latin America and the Caribbean and the technical supervision of the Director, ESA, the incumbent will support the technical assistance and advisory needs of the member states falling under the RLC in the area of food security. 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;
- support the implementation of national policies, strategies and programmes on food security and nutrition under a multidisciplinary and a human rights vision in coordination and consult with national authorities, civil society organizations, parliamentarians and other development partners;
- develop appropriate governance and accountability mechanisms to improve the impact and effectiveness of national and regional initiatives on food security and nutrition;
- provide technical inputs on food security policy matters to reinforce the commitment of member countries, regional and subregional bodies and other actors to end hunger and malnutrition;
- coordinate and promote the participation of national, regional and subregional stakeholders and the presence of regional issues on the Committee of World Food Security;
- provide technical support to the formulation and backstopping in the implementation of FAO's Field Programme and perform other duties related to promotion of improved food policy and food security in member countries, regional and subregional bodies;
- provide analytical assistance on FAO's reports, documents, publications and projects related to food security;
- design and organize field missions, seminars, workshops to support the above work in the Region;
- perform other related duties as required.

#### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

*Candidates should meet the following:*

- Advanced university degree in agricultural, economics, social or political sciences or related field
- Seven years of relevant experience in food security issues and in the design, implementation and monitoring of related policies and programmes at national, subregional and regional level (Ph.D. or equivalent degree may substitute for two years of required experience)
- Working knowledge of Spanish and English

#### SELECTION CRITERIA

*Candidates will be assessed against the following:*

- Extent and relevance of knowledge of the emerging food security policy issues in the region, food security governance mechanisms, human rights-based approaches and institutional and normative development needs
- Extent of familiarity with the functioning of the Organization, regional and subregional bodies, parliament, civil society organizations and other actors dealing with food security and nutrition in the Region
- Extent of experience in organizing national/regional and international, high level technical workshops to discuss policy issues and to support capacity building
- Relevance of experience in policy and food security analysis and in project identification and formulation
- Excellent communication skills both oral and in writing
- Ability to work in a team and under pressure, to articulate multidisciplinary teams, to coordinate projects and activities, and to plan and organize own work and meet deadlines
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relations with senior Government officials, high level political authorities, experts, civil society organizations

*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 application to be properly evaluated, please ensure that all sections of the on-line application are completed.

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