



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

PROFESSIONAL VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT N°: IRC2209*

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Deadline For Application: 11 December 2012

POSITION TITLE:	Agri-Food Systems Officer	GRADE LEVEL:	P-4
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean RLC	DUTY STATION:	Santiago, Chile
		DURATION *:	Fixed Term: 2 years
		POST CODE/N°:	C/20000792
		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 duty stations within the region depending on the evolving needs of the Organization

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the overall managerial and administrative supervision of the ADG/Regional Representative for Latin America and the Caribbean (RLC), and the functional guidance of the Director, Rural Infrastructure and Agro-Industries Division, AGS, provide technical support in the implementation of the programme of work in the area of agri-systems development. 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 advice and assistance to FAO Member Countries in the Region to support the development of their agricultural services, including financial services for small farmers;
- Develop and promote methodologies and guidelines for agri-business development with special reference to agro-energy crops aimed at improving enterprise competitiveness with small farmers;
- Conduct technical analyses and reviews relating to agro-industries and agro-enterprises involved in the processing and value chain for food and agricultural materials;
- Formulate strategies and policy guidelines for FAO Member Countries in the Region with a view to improve the efficiency and output of agricultural system and promote agro-energy to small farmers, particularly on bio-fuels assuring its compatibility with food security in the region;
- Assist in the development, supervision, technical backstopping, monitoring and evaluation of agri-system on rural finance programmes and agro-energy projects in the Region, including offering advice on innovation to increase value addition in the development of new and differentiated products along the value chain with emphasis in traditional products;
- Prepare and edit technical papers; organise and participate in technical meetings;
- Serve as focal point for AGS and FAO for selected agro/rural technologies, systems and methodologies, and provide assistance and guidance to technical officers of FAO, including those in Subregional Offices and FAO Representations, in the Region, concerning support for agri-business;
- Perform other related duties as required.

*** This Vacancy Announcement cancels and supersedes Vacancy Announcement No. IRC2035. Applicants who applied to VA IRC2035 must apply to the present vacancy in iRecruitment in order to be considered.**

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced University Degree in Agricultural Sciences, Social Science or a closely related field, with specialisation in an area related to agri-business, agro-energy, agricultural policy and rural development
- Seven years of relevant experience in capacity building process in value chain and in the development of agri-business
- Working knowledge of Spanish and English

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent and relevance of professional experience in the development of agri-business and agri-system in Latin America and Caribbean countries, including strategy formulation and policy guidance
- Length and focus of experience in providing technical advice on matters related to agri-business management, specifically on bio-fuels
- Extent of knowledge and experience of concepts and policies related to natural resources management and evaluation as well as technical issues related to bio-energy and bio-fuels
- Experience in developing and implementing programmes and projects related to agri-business and bio-energy

- Quality of communication skills, both orally and in writing
- Knowledge of the cultural, social and economic conditions of the Latin American and Caribbean region

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

A competitive compensation and benefits package is offered. For information on UN salaries, allowances and benefits, click on the following link: <http://icsc.un.org/>

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.

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