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Deadline For Application: 5 March 2013

POSITION TITLE:	Senior Programme Officer (Governance)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-5
		DUTY STATION:	Rome
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Office of the Assistant Director-General, ESD	DURATION *:	Fixed Term: 2 years
	Economic and Social Development Department, ES	POST CODE/N°:	0551430
		CCOG CODE:	1.E.03

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.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the overall guidance of the Assistant Director-General, Economic and Social Development Department and the technical supervision of the Principal Officer (Policy and Governance), the Senior Programme Officer (Governance), will act as advisor and resource person for building a coherent FAO programme on governance, adding value to existing initiatives and contributing to new initiatives in areas of need; the incumbent will also be responsible for covering FAO contributions to international governance mechanisms for improved food security and nutrition, as well as advice on food, agriculture and rural development governance in national contexts. In particular, the incumbent will:

- contribute to/participate in an organization-wide team to monitor and analyze FAO's contribution to governance initiatives, assess lessons learned, and propose strategies for future engagements;
- identify, monitor and serve as resource person for international initiatives for agriculture and rural development governance; make specific contribution to international governance processes, such as the Committee on World Food Security (CFS), the post 2015 UN Development Agenda, the follow-up to Rio+20, the UN Standing Committee on Nutrition (UNSCN), the Secretary-General's High Level Task Force on the Food Crisis (HLTF) and others;
- collaborate with FAO's Decentralized Offices and Technical Departments to support national governance assessments, focusing on systematic review and building the evidence base on the role of agriculture and rural development governance for improved food security and better nutrition;
- develop proposals for the inclusion and mainstreaming of food, agriculture and rural development governance considerations in global, regional and national multi-stakeholder processes and programmes, and assist FAO strategy teams to include governance considerations in their programmes of work;
- contribute to proposals by Decentralised Offices and Technical Departments to develop and strengthen governance systems at global, regional and country level;
- create awareness and prepare advocacy materials to draw the attention of decision-makers to the importance and role of governance issues for food security as well as agricultural and rural development; establish and maintain a corporate web portal, covering key data, materials and links on governance themes;
- develop and engage in activities aimed at enhancing the capacity of other FAO units and member countries to address governance issues in food security as well as agricultural and rural development programmes, considering FAO's overall capacity development strategy and linking up with relevant capacity development initiatives;
- mobilize extra-budgetary resources for enhanced governance initiatives at global, regional and country level;
- perform other duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced University Degree in Social Sciences, Economics, Nutrition, Food Policy, International Development, Public Administration, Law or related field
- Ten years of relevant experience in agricultural and rural development and/or food security and nutrition, including governance-related work in developing countries
- Working Knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese, or Russian

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Relevance and extent of professional experience, including technical and field experience
- Relevance and extent of academic qualifications
- Demonstrated analytical skills
- Knowledge of governance processes relevant to food systems development
- Co-ordination, team leadership and managerial skills
- Good oral communication and writing skills, particularly in English

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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