



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

PROFESSIONAL VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT N°: IRC2298*

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Deadline For Application: 28 March 2013

POSITION TITLE:	Senior Water Resources and Irrigation Officer	GRADE LEVEL:	P-5
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Regional Office for the Near East	DUTY STATION:	Cairo, Egypt
	RNE	DURATION *:	Fixed Term: 2 years
		POST CODE/N°:	2002077
			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 supervision of the Assistant Director-General/Regional Representative for the Near East (ADG/RR RNE), in close collaboration with the Subregional Offices and Countries / and under the functional guidance of the Director, Land and Water Division, NRL, the incumbent will be responsible for planning, coordinating and leading work programme related to water resources and irrigation development and management for agriculture. 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;
- lead regional efforts in the collection and regular updating of key information and data on water use and irrigation in agriculture and advise the Agriculture and Land and Water Use Commission for the Near East (ALAWUC/NE) especially in the fields of policy, applied research, technical seminars and training and promotion of integrated land and water development programmes, and serve as its Secretary;
- provide regional perspective and priorities in support to FAO's periodic planning and programming exercises and the development of FAO's strategic framework, and contribute to the implementation of the Regular Programme in the field of water and irrigation development and management. Support FAO's Inter-Departmental Working Groups (IDWG) and Regional and Sub-Regional Multi-Disciplinary Teams (MDT) in the development of an integrated and coherent approach to agriculture development and food security in the region;
- co-ordinate the identification and formulation of requests for external assistance by governments in the fields of irrigation, water resources development and management, climate change and other related areas;
- promote, organize and participate in regional studies related to the above-mentioned fields and follow-up with the initiation of activities emanating from such studies;
- lead water resources and irrigation related activities in the Region, especially between member governments and regional governmental and non-governmental organizations, ensuring, through consultations with the Land and Water Division and relevant Functional Technical Networks, that the necessary consistency of approaches is maintained;
- represent FAO/RNE in regional conferences/meetings/workshops related to water resources, development, management, irrigation, drainage, climate change and related subject matters;
- organize agricultural sector review and advise on national/regional needs and projects or the development, management and conservation of water resources;
- provide technical guidance and advisory support services and enhance the capacity of member countries and other stakeholders in the region for the formulation and implementation of water/irrigation development, irrigation technologies and on-farm water management systems and provide backstopping to technical cooperation projects and programmes in the region;
- perform other related duties as required.

***This Vacancy Announcement cancels and supersedes Vacancy Announcement No. IRC2060. Applicants who applied to VA IRC2060 must apply to the present vacancy in iRecruitment in order to be considered.**

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced University degree in Agriculture, Engineering or Natural Sciences with specification in irrigation and water resources development
- Ten years of relevant experience in irrigation and water resources development and management in government departments, international organizations, or in private enterprises, and working experience in developing countries
- Working knowledge of English and limited knowledge of one of the other FAO official languages (Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian or Spanish)

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent and relevance of experience in coordinating irrigation and water resources development programmes
- Demonstrated ability to analyse technical and scientific information; to write clearly and concisely, edit technical reports and make effective oral presentations

- Excellent leadership ability, mature judgement and a high sense of initiative
- Extent and relevance of experience to organize and lead meetings and training activities
- Extent and relevance of experience in the Near East region and knowledge of UN/FAO activities, structure and procedures
- Working knowledge of Arabic and/or French would be an advantage

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.

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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