



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

PROFESSIONAL VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT N°: IRC2338

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Deadline For Application: 28 June 2013

POSITION TITLE:	Agricultural Officer	GRADE LEVEL:	P-4
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Investment Centre Division, TCI Technical Cooperation Department, TC	DUTY STATION:	Rome, Italy
		DURATION *:	Fixed Term: 2 years
		POST CODE/N°:	C/0419478
		CCOG CODE:	1H

**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 activities and/or duty stations depending on the evolving needs of the Organization.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Investment Centre Division (TCI) promotes investment in agriculture and rural development in developing countries and countries in transition, assisting governments, international financing institutions (IFIs) and other development partners with the strategic planning and implementation of their investments operations to achieve growth, poverty alleviation and food and nutrition security.

Under the overall guidance of the Director, TCI, and the supervision of the Chief, Asia and the Pacific Service, the incumbent will provide technical advice and, as a member or leader of multidisciplinary teams, contribute to the formulation and analysis of agricultural investment operations (such as projects and programmes). In particular, the incumbent will:

- advise governments and development partners in the design, appraisal and implementation support of investment operations in the fields of agriculture and natural resources;
- evaluate agricultural and natural resources sector strategies, plans and operations for their investment implications, technical, financial and environmental feasibility and compliance with national strategic objectives and make recommendations;
- analyse the constraints and opportunities of different agricultural environments with emphasis on the functionality of: markets, support services, institutions and organizations; risk management systems and private sector engagement; as well as climate smart agriculture practices to reduce vulnerability;
- propose practical improvements to existing farming systems, formulate crop budgets and define the technical parameters for the establishment of farm models for financial and economic analysis;
- review agricultural development proposals and advise on their technical and environmental feasibility and the soundness of proposed institutional arrangements;
- provide assistance in design and implementation of systems of monitoring and evaluation of the impacts of agricultural and rural development projects;
- prepare clear and concise reports in line with the requirements of governments and financing partners;
- assist the Service Chief on field mission organization and terms of reference, selection of consultants and in ensuring the quality of the Service outputs;
- perform other related duties as required.

*** This Vacancy Announcement cancels and supersedes Vacancy Announcement No. IRC2229. Applicants who applied to VA IRC2229 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 or a closely related field
- Seven years of relevant experience in planning and implementing agricultural development programs, including at least three years experience in the formulation and/or implementation of investment operations, including sector analysis, elaboration of feasibility studies and substantial relevant work experience in developing countries and/or countries in transition
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two, or Arabic or Chinese or Russian

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent and relevance of experience in major technical fields related to agriculture, livestock and forestry, in developing countries, such as the introduction of more sustainable and climate smart farming systems or new farm enterprises and demand-driven production support
- Extent and relevance of experience in participating in multi-disciplinary teams for the preparation, evaluation and supervision of agricultural investment operations in developing countries and/or countries in transition and dealing with beneficiaries as well as senior staff of governments and financing partners
- Demonstrated experience with the design and implementation of systems of monitoring and evaluation of the impacts of agricultural and rural investment projects (logical framework, strategic planning and participatory appraisal), and familiarity with methodologies for the economic, financial and institutional appraisal of projects
- Relevance of experience in Asia and the Pacific
- Excellent communication skills both orally and in writing including demonstrated ability to write technical reports in English

N.B. Willingness to travel frequently to developing countries and/or countries in transition and for geographic mobility reassessments

Please note that all candidates should possess computer/word processing skills and should be capable of working with people of different nationalities.

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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