



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

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Deadline For Application: 28 February 2014

POSITION TITLE:	Senior Officer (Secretary of the FAO-Water Platform)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-5
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Land and Water Division, NRL	DUTY STATION:	Rome, Italy
		DURATION *:	Fixed Term: 2 years
		POST CODE/N°:	2003849
		CCOG CODE:	1.B.06.i

**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

Under the overall guidance of the Deputy Director-General/Coordinator for Natural Resources, DDN, the supervision of the Director, NRL, and in collaboration the Platform's Focal Points at Headquarters and in the Decentralized Offices, the incumbent will serve as the Secretary for the FAO-Water Platform, being responsible for its planning, organization and operational management. In particular, the incumbent will:

- lead the coordination and streamlining of water-related work across the Organization, including Headquarters and Decentralized Offices, and serve as the main resource person for supporting, overseeing and ensuring the Platform's coherence and operational effectiveness for the provision of up-to-date services to FAO's Member Countries and Partners;
- provide technical support to the FAO units participating in the Water Platform, ensuring that water issues are fully integrated across FAO's activities and initiatives under both regular and field programmes, in particular regarding activities related to natural resource perspective studies for sustainability of agricultural production, climate change and food security;
- help develop FAO's strategic vision for water in line with the Organization's strategic objectives, priorities and collaborative mechanisms;
- lead and coordinate the formulation of multi-sectoral approaches and tools to integrated water management for food production, taking into account the multiple uses of water interactions, including mechanisms to ensure cooperation and benefit sharing of stakeholders and considering natural resources sustainability, health and environmental concerns;
- build strong relationships with other water stakeholders, including UN-Water, specialized agencies as well as with relevant international and national bodies, providing visibility for "one" FAO as the lead organization on water for food and agriculture within the UN system;
- develop effective operational mechanisms for coordination and collaboration among FAO units involved in the Platform and direct linkages with FAO's Strategic Objectives Coordinators for a coordinated, diversified and visible FAO water programme at the normative and operations levels;
- facilitate the establishment and mobilization of multi-disciplinary teams on cross-cutting water issues of concern to FAO for the implementation of the Platform's work plans and support the organization of events addressing such issues, including through the provision of coordinated FAO input;
- produce periodical reports on the Platform's achievements and future perspectives with due consideration to the expectations of the Platform's external stakeholders and member countries;
- plan, organize, and participate in communications and outreach activities in collaboration with relevant stakeholders, partners, and other entities;
- develop work plans, background working materials and reports pertaining to the Platform's activities and operations, including the management, the task forces and the ad hoc working groups of the Platform as well as widen the Platform's visibility supported by systematic and organized knowledge synthesis, information collection and dissemination;
- facilitate the mobilization of extra-budgetary resources for implementation of the Platform's strategic vision and work plans;
- perform other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced university degree in environmental science, natural resources science, engineering or agricultural sciences with a focus on water related issues
- Ten years of relevant experience in agriculture, with a focus on water issues in one or more of relevant key areas, including irrigation, Integrated Water Resources Management, water governance, multiple uses of water for food production, climate change, institutional collaboration and partnerships and experience at international level and with developing countries
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish with a limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese or Russian

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent of and relevance of professional experience in formulating and implementing programmes and field projects
- Extent of experience in multi-sectoral, multi-disciplinary work and in facilitating collaboration and managing partnerships
- Level of experience in capacity building programmes
- Level of experience in leading meetings and conferences
- Demonstrated capacity to make effective oral and written presentations and to write clear and concise reports
- Leadership, coordination, managerial, negotiating and advisory skills and a high sense of responsibility including capacity to lead multi-disciplinary teams and monitor and supervise the work of others

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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If you need help, or have queries, please contact: iRecruitment@fao.org

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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