



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

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Deadline For Application: 24 July 2014

POSITION TITLE:	Nutrition Officer (Nutrition Anthropology)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-2
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Nutrition Division, ESN Economic and Social Development Department, ES	DUTY STATION:	Rome
		DURATION *:	Fixed Term : 2 years
		POST CODE/N°:	unidentified
		CCOG CODE:	1.I.02

Qualified female applicants and qualified nationals of non-and under-represented member countries are encouraged to apply.

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 supervision of the Director, ESN, and as a member of one or more task teams, the incumbent will support organizational efforts to address the cultural, social, symbolic, ethical, culinary, political and ideological dimensions of food and nutrition systems and policies at all levels. In particular, the incumbent will:

- undertake analysis, conduct research and provide technical input that enhance global understanding of the impacts of urbanization, globalization, migration and culture change on cultural values, perceptions, practices and institutions associated with food production and consumption, ecosystems and dietary transitions;
- contribute to policy analysis which addresses the social and cultural dimensions of local, national and global food systems, including the traditional food systems of indigenous peoples, to enhance food security and nutrition outcomes;
- contribute cultural and social variables to the design of food consumption surveys, databases and statistics, and to the development of food and nutrition assessment indicators, methods and tools;
- contribute to the design of food and agricultural interventions sensitive to cultural food and nutrition practices, while addressing harmful beliefs, taboos and practices that compromise nutritional outcomes;
- assist Member States to assess, analyse and monitor the food and nutrition situation of their populations, including social, ethnic and gender variations and cultural shifts in dietary patterns and preferences;
- provide input for documenting, disseminating, and scaling up of experiences of countries that have effectively addressed food related cultural beliefs and practices to enhance food security, dietary diversity and ecological sustainability;
- assist in fostering collaboration with relevant UN agencies, civil society organizations, social networks and movements to improve assessments of dietary trends, harmonize methodologies and improve data for decision making;
- perform other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced university degree in nutrition with specialization in anthropology, cultural studies, or related field(s)
- Three years of policy, programme or research experience related to the cultural or social dimensions of food and nutrition systems, sustainable livelihoods and cultural diversity
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Russian, Arabic or Chinese

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent and relevance of experience in policy, programme or research development related to the cultural or social dimensions of food and nutrition systems, sustainable livelihoods and cultural diversity
- Knowledge and demonstrated use of relevant research methodologies
- Excellent communication skills both orally and in writing and ability to draft concise and clear technical documents
- Extent and relevance of academic background and of publications is considered a strong asset
- Work experience in more than one location or area of work, particularly in field positions is desirable
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively in teams

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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- To apply, visit the iRecruitment website at <http://www.fao.org/employment/irecruitment-access/en/> and complete the online application. Only applications received through iRecruitment will be considered.
- Candidates are requested to attach a letter of motivation to the online profile.
- Vacancies will be removed from iRecruitment at 23:59 Central European Time (CET) on the deadline for applications date. We encourage applicants to submit the application well before the deadline date.

In order for your application to be properly evaluated, please ensure that all sections of the online application are completed.

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

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