



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Vacancy Announcement No. IRC2648 Deadline for Applications: 12 November 2014

Title	Director, Liaison Office with the United Nations in New York (LON)
Grade	D-2
Number	0128058
Duty Station Location	New York, USA

Summary of Duties and Functions

Under the policy guidance of the Deputy Director-General (Operations), and reporting to the Director, OSD, the incumbent has overall responsibility for the functioning of the FAO Liaison Office in New York. He/she would, in particular:

- Advocate for FAO's position on main global/UN initiatives underway: Post-2015, Zero Hunger Challenge (ZHC), One-UN, Global Alliance on Climate Smart Agriculture, etc.;
- monitor, analyse and report on major policy developments at inter-governmental, inter-agency and Secretariat levels of direct interest to the Organization, in particular of inter-agency coordination mechanisms, with the view of enhancing FAO's involvement in such mechanisms;
- attend relevant meetings and report to FAO headquarters, on emerging policy and/or operational implications of their outcomes;
- ensure that the Organization's policies, positions and work are taken into account in relevant discussions and decisions of intergovernmental and inter-agency bodies of the United Nations system meeting in New York;
- maintain close contacts with and ensure that Permanent Missions to the United Nations in New York are informed of FAO work, positions and policy decisions;
- maintain close special contacts with those Permanent Representatives in charge of FAO matters;
- maintain close contacts and working relations with Secretariats of United Nations organizations and with United Nations system representatives in New York, with a view to gathering information and facilitating cooperation;
- as requested, represent FAO at United Nations system intergovernmental and inter-agency meetings and at meetings of other bodies located in New York;
- identify opportunities for strengthening partnership and collaboration with UN system entities including in areas of advocacy and communication;
- take lead responsibility in preparing FAO participation in sessions of the General Assembly, ECOSOC and other key intergovernmental bodies of importance to FAO;
- assist OSD, as required, in the preparation of policy papers and documents relating to UN system developments of interest to the Organization;
- provide appropriate leadership, managerial support and guidance to the staff of the Office in carrying out the functions of the office;
- ensure that information on food, agriculture and rural development issues is provided to the public, NGOs and academic institutions based in New York;
- perform other related duties as required.

General Requirements

- Post graduate qualifications or equivalent professional development in Economics, International Relations, Public Administration or in other fields related to the work of the Organization.
- Extensive experience of at least ten years in public and international affairs and in fields related to the mandate of FAO or to that of other international or national organizations dealing with development issues.
- Excellent negotiation skills, maturity, tact and diplomacy.
- Ability to lead and work effectively with people of different national and cultural backgrounds.
- Field experience in developing countries with organizations dealing with technical assistance would be an asset.
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish, and a limited knowledge of one of the other two, or Arabic, Chinese or Russian.

- Good knowledge of the UN system, particularly of FAO, and commitment to UN ideals. Knowledge of other Rome-based Agencies would be an asset.

Leadership Competencies

Results focus: Takes accountability for the delivery of agreed results in service of FAO's strategic framework - **Leading, engaging and empowering others:** Coordinates, directs, facilitates and recognizes team efforts; creates an enabling environment and assists others to realize and develop their potential - **Communication:** Encourages and contributes to clear and open communication - **Partnering and Advocating:** Promotes ideas and develops partnerships to advance the Organization's work - **Knowledge sharing and continuous improvement:** Continually seeks to improve the knowledge, skills and work processes of oneself and others - **Strategic thinking:** Makes informed and coherent decisions aligned with broader goals and strategies.

Please note that all candidates should adhere to FAO values of Commitment to FAO, Respect for all and Integrity and Transparency.

Remuneration:

A competitive compensation and benefits package is offered. For information on UN salaries, allowances and benefits, visit the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) website: <http://icsc.un.org/rootindex.asp>

How to Apply

To apply, visit the iRecruitment website at <http://www.fao.org/employment/irecruitment-access/en/> and complete the on-line application. Only applications received through iRecruitment will be considered.

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.

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