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POSITION TITLE:	Nutrition Officer (Nutrition Assessment and Scientific Advice)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-4
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Nutrition Division, ESN Economic and Social Development Department, ES	DUTY STATION:	Rome, Italy
		DURATION :	Fixed-term: 2 years
		Post Number:	0099910
		CCOG Code:	1I02

* The length of appointment for internal FAO candidates will be established in accordance with applicable policies pertaining to the extension of appointments

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.

Organizational Setting

FAO's Nutrition Division assists Member Countries to improve diets and raise levels of nutrition, in particular, the poorest and most nutritionally vulnerable. As a knowledge leader, the Division provides public goods in nutrition, including evidence-based information about nutritional requirements, nutrition assessment and food composition. It advises Member Nations on nutrition sensitive food and agriculture policies and programmes, strengthens their capacity to develop and implement effective nutrition promotion programmes, and monitoring and evaluation to act effectively to improve nutrition.

The post is located in FAO Headquarters in Rome, Italy and is part of the Nutrition Assessment and Scientific Advice Team.

Reporting Lines

The Nutrition Officer reports to the Senior Nutrition Officer / Team leader of Nutrition Assessment and Scientific Advice.

Technical Focus

Provides scientific advice on nutrition to member states, represent FAO at Codex Committee for Nutrition and Special Dietary Uses and other Codex Committees, as well as organize expert consultations on human nutritional requirements.

Key Results

Comprehensive technical, statistical, analytical and/or policy analysis services and the development of specialized tools, methodologies, systems and/or databases to support the planning, implementation/delivery and monitoring of the programme of work and related products, projects, publications, and services.

Key Functions

- Plans and leads components of multi-disciplinary teams and short term work groups, leads and/or participates on Division/Departmental teams, participates on Organization-wide committees, project teams, and working groups and provides specialized expertise on international technical networks and or technical policy and standard setting bodies;
- Develops technical, statistical, analytical, monitoring and reporting frameworks, and related tools, methodologies, systems and databases etc. to support the planning, implementation/delivery and monitoring of the programmes of work, products, projects, and services;
- Designs and conducts research, data collection, validation, analysis and/or reporting activities to support the development of technical standards, international instruments, innovative tools and methodologies, flagship publications/technical reports and/or policy proposals as well as the provision of technical specialist and/or policy advice and expertise;
- Responds to requests and provides technical/policy advice, assistance and solutions to Regional, Sub-Regional, and Country Offices and provides technical backstopping to field projects;
- Promotes international cooperation and collaboration, advocates best practices and increased policy dialogue and provides technical expertise at international meetings and conferences;
- Collaborates in capacity development activities involving knowledge sharing, the organization of training workshops, seminars, and meetings as well as the development of related materials and on-line tools and information kits;
- Participates in resource mobilization activities in accordance with Corporate strategy and Departmental plans.

Specific Functions

- Oversees the organization of expert consultations and technical meetings on human nutrient requirements
- Represents FAO at Codex Committees
- Write scientific and policy publications on nutrition
- Updates, publishes and disseminates information on technical matters to member states
- Provides scientific advice and information about nutrition to members
- Collaborates with counterparts in WHO, other UN organizations and academic and research institutions involved with human nutrient requirements
- Performs other related duties as required

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in Nutrition Science or closely-related discipline
- Seven years of relevant experience in human nutrition requirements, especially in assessing the nutritional requirements of populations
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese, Russian
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Competencies

- Results Focus
- Teamwork
- Communication
- Building Effective Relationships
- Knowledge Sharing and Continuous Improvement

Technical/Functional Skills

- Work experience in more than one location or area of work, particularly in field positions is desirable
- Extent and relevance of experience and knowledge of Codex processes
- Extent and relevance of experience in human nutrient requirements
- Relevance and extent of knowledge and experience in working with inter-governmental bodies and multi-disciplinary teams
- Extent and relevance of experience in the integration of nutrition into agricultural policies and programmes including developing country experience
- Familiarity with FAO's partner institutions (UN, NGOs, donors) would be considered an asset
- Ability to mobilize resources

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- All candidates should possess computer/word processing skills.
- Evaluation of qualified candidates may include an assessment exercise which will be followed by a competency-based interview.
- Your application will be screened based on the information provided in your iRecruitment online profile (see "How to Apply"). We strongly recommend that you ensure that the information is accurate and complete including employment record, academic qualifications and language skills.
- Please note that FAO will only consider academic credentials or degrees obtained from an educational institution recognised in the IAU/UNESCO list.
- Other similar positions at the same level may be filled from this vacancy notice and the endorsed candidates will be considered for the Employment Roster for a period of 2 years.
- Candidates may be requested to provide performance assessments.

REMUNERATION

A competitive compensation and benefits package is offered. For information on UN salaries, allowances and benefits, click on the following link: http://www.un.org/Depts/OHRM/salaries_allowances/salary.htm

HOW TO APPLY

To apply, visit the iRecruitment website at <http://www.fao.org/employment/irecruitment-access/en/> and complete your online profile. 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.

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

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