



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

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Deadline For Application: **19 October 2015**

POSITION TITLE:	FOOD SECURITY OFFICER	GRADE LEVEL:	P2
		DUTY STATION:	Rome, Italy
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	CFS Joint Secretariat	DURATION*:	Fixed-Term – 2 years
	Agricultural Development Economics Division (ESA)	POST NUMBER:	
		CCOG CODE:	1E02

* 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

The Committee on World Food Security (CFS) constitutes the foremost inclusive international and intergovernmental platform for a broad range of committed stakeholders to work together in a coordinated manner and in support of country-led processes towards the elimination of hunger and ensuring food security and nutrition for all human beings. CFS is supported by a Secretariat funded by FAO, IFAD and WFP. The CFS Secretariat provides technical support to the Committee, its Bureau and Advisory Group and its subsidiary bodies and working groups. This includes collection, analysis and presentation of information in support of the global food security policy agenda, facilitating and contributing to the implementation of CFS workstreams, developing documents and preparations for CFS sessions and meetings, and strengthening linkages with CFS stakeholders. The position is jointly funded by FAO, IFAD and WFP. It is administered through FAO and subject to FAO rules and regulations.

Reporting Lines

The Food Security Officer report to the Secretary, CFS

Key Results

Technical and policy expertise to support multistakeholder processes that enable CFS and its subsidiary bodies and working groups to achieve their objectives.

Key Functions

- Provides technical support to core CFS multi-stakeholders, including the CFS Bureau and Advisory Group members;
- Supports CFS workstreams (including supporting the work of associated technical task teams), as determined by the CFS Multiyear Program of Work (MYPOW), together with their associated budgets
- Contributes to the multi-stakeholder process which aims at developing a mechanism to monitor and implement CFS decisions and recommendations
- Participates in resource mobilization and budget monitoring activities for CFS
- Supports implementation of the CFS communication and outreach in collaboration with the CFS communications officer
- Provides technical support to the CFS Chair, Secretary and the Chairs of the different working groups and technical teams, including by preparing briefs and speaking points; summaries and outcomes of meetings
- Prepares summaries and briefs on CFS relevant work for Rome-Based-Agency management and for other UN bodies, including reporting annually to the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC);
- Promotes knowledge sharing and best practices at international meetings and conferences and influences partners in stakeholder consultations;
- Provides input and support to strengthen linkages between CFS and regional entities/processes focused on food security and nutrition
- Performing other related duties as required

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in disciplines relevant to food security and nutrition
- Three years of relevant experience in the field of food security and nutrition and food security governance
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese, Russian

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.
- Relevance and extent of experience in food security and nutrition analysis, policy advice and/or food security governance
- Relevance and extent of knowledge and experience working with inter-governmental, multistakeholder bodies and multi-disciplinary teams
- Experience in international cooperation and knowledge of global, regional and national food security issues;
- Relevant experience in assisting in preparing high level conferences, UN negotiations and meetings and editing documents;
- Experience related to the functioning of intergovernmental and multi-stakeholder processes
- Experience in programme management, including preparation and monitoring of budgets and workplans
- Excellent command of English and record of writing skills are an asset

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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