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Deadline For Application: **16 September 2015**

POSITION TITLE:	Disaster Risk Management Officer	GRADE LEVEL:	P-4
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean (RLC)	DUTY STATION:	Santiago, Chile
		DURATION *:	Fixed-term: 1 year
		POST NUMBER:	
		CCOG CODE:	1S01

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 Regional Office for RLC is responsible for leading FAO's response to regional priorities for food security, agriculture and rural development through the identification, planning, and implementation of FAO's priority activities in the region. It ensures a multidisciplinary approach to programmes, identifies priority areas of action for the Organization in the Region and, in collaboration with departments and divisions at Headquarters, develops, promotes and oversees FAO's strategic response to regional priorities.

RLC also advises on the incorporation of regional priorities into the Organization's Programme of Work and Budget and implements approved programmes and projects in the region, monitors the level of programme implementation and draws attention to problems and deficiencies. RLC develops and maintains relations with region-wide institutions including the Regional Economic Integration Organizations (REIOs).

The Regional Office supports regional policy dialogue on food security, agriculture and rural development issues, facilitates the emergence of regional partnerships, and supports capacity development and resource mobilization for food security, agriculture and rural development in the region.

The post is located in the Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean.

Reporting Lines

The Disaster Risk Management Officer will be under the overall supervision of the Officer responsible for increasing the resilience of livelihoods to threats and crises in Latin America and the Caribbean, and the functional guidance of TCE, in consultation with the relevant technical divisions at FAO headquarters and SO5 RLC Team.

Key Results

The incumbent will be responsible for providing technical and operational support in the development, expansion and implementation of FAO's emergency food security, disaster risk management and agricultural relief and rehabilitation programmes in the Region.

Key Functions

- Support and develop FAO resilience interventions and risk reduction management cooperation in Latin America and the Caribbean working directly with FAO Representations and/or technical officers;
- In collaboration with FAO Regional Representative for LAC, promote FAO's resilience role and programme with government partners, UN agencies, NGOs and resources partners by raising awareness on FAO comparative advantages; facilitating partnerships and synergies; ensuring close collaboration and coordination; and mobilizing funds;
- Develop and implement operational strategies and analysis of disaster risks on the state of agriculture and food security in LAC;
- Identify policy implications and monitor relevant policy environment issues for the implementation of FAO's agricultural resilience strategy;
- Assist and/or participate in setting up emergency assessment or response teams (in cooperation with other humanitarian actors, when applicable);
- Formulate and implement strategies for meeting emergency assistance and risk reduction management needs, in consultation with national experts, resources partners, UN agencies and other organizations;
- Prepare project profiles, full-fledged project documents and ad-hoc reports to resources partners;
- Plan, monitor and provide technical assistance components for agriculture, fishery and livestock emergency relief interventions implemented by FAO and other agencies;
- Liaise with resources partners and represent FAO in interagency coordination meetings related to disaster risk management, resilience, emergency/rehabilitation activities and report the outcome of such meetings with recommendation on actions to be taken;
- Coordinate timely dissemination of information on risk and management, the impact of the crisis on all partners involved in

- relief and early rehabilitation activities;
- Act as focal point for FAO's risk reduction management and preparedness strategy and contingency planning for emergency response in LAC;
- Perform other related duties as required.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in disaster risk management, agronomy, social sciences, natural sciences or related field
- Seven years of relevant experience on disaster risk management associated with agricultural and rural development, including experience in developing countries and disaster-stricken countries
- Working knowledge (Level C) of English and Spanish

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 at the international level in food security and agricultural livelihoods associated with risk reduction management and emergency relief situations; experience with relevant UN organizations or humanitarian NGO is preferred;
- Demonstrated ability and experience in formulating and managing programmes that analyse and respond to complex emergencies;
- Demonstrated capacity to strategically lead and manage multidisciplinary teams and programmes to achieve results in complex changing international environments;
- Writing and oral communication skills;
- Knowledge of the Latin America and the Caribbean region, including political, cultural aspects and development priorities.

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://icsc.un.org/>

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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