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Deadline For Application: **23 March 2016**

POSITION TITLE:	Climate Change Officer (Disaster Risk Reduction)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-4
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Climate and Environment Division, NRC	DUTY STATION:	Rome, Italy
		DURATION *:	Fixed-term:2 years
		POST NUMBER:	2005775
		CCOG CODE:	1R

* 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 Climate and Environment Division assists member countries in policy development, planning and responses towards the challenges of climate change; This includes the promotion of adaptive capacities and climate resilience, as well as the mitigation of climate change within agricultural sectors, and support to Disaster Risk Reduction in context of extreme climate risks and extreme events. It provides a coordination role in FAO on climate change and related climate smart agriculture issues as well as disaster risk reduction and climate risk management. The Division also serves as the focal point for a multidisciplinary and global approach to bioenergy.

The post is located in the Climate Impact, Adaptation and Environment Team

Reporting Lines

Climate Change Officer (Disaster Risk Reduction) reports to the Team Leader

Technical Focus

Climate Change Adaptation with specific focus on climate resilience, disaster risk reduction and climate services

Key Results

Comprehensive technical and policy expertise to support the planning, development and implementation of Departmental/Division programmes, projects, products and services in accordance with Departmental/Division objectives and FAO Strategic Objectives

Key Functions

- Plans and leads components of multi-disciplinary teams, leads and/or participates on Organization-wide, cross-Departmental committees, project teams, and working groups and/or provides specialized expertise on technical networks and/or international technical policy and/or international technical policy and standard setting bodies;
- Develops technical, analytical, monitoring and reporting frameworks, and related methodologies, tools, systems and databases etc. to support the planning, implementation/delivery and monitoring of programmes of work, projects, products and/or services;
- Designs and conducts research, data collection, validation, analysis and/or reporting activities to support the development of technical standards, international instruments, innovative approaches and strategies, new tools, technologies, technical reports/publications, and/or policy proposals as well as the provision of technical/policy/ specialist/advice and expertise;
- Responds to country requests for technical and policy assistance, provides technical advice, assistance and solutions to Decentralized Offices and provides technical backstopping to field projects;
- Collaborates in, provides technical backstopping to and ensures the quality / effectiveness of capacity development and knowledge sharing activities within member countries such as policy support, organizational development and individual learning events including preparation of related information, learning materials, on-line tools;
- Promotes international cooperation/advocates best practices, increased policy dialogue and provides technical expertise at international/intergovernmental meetings;
- Participates in resource mobilization activities in accordance with the FAO Corporate strategy.

Specific Functions

- Coordinates divisional work on disaster risk reduction and provides overall technical guidance to the divisional contributions to the implementation of FAOs strategic objective on "Resilience to Shocks and Crises" (SP5) and "Improved Agricultural Productivity & Sustainability" (SP2) and related Delivery Mechanisms
- Provide technical support to the development and implementation of projects and programmes related to restoration and climate change adaptation and mitigation action within integrated multi-sectoral strategies and frameworks for sustainable agriculture and natural resources management,
- Provide technical leadership on behalf of NRC to the formulation and implementation of projects and programmes related to climate change adaptation, climate risk management and disaster risk reduction, and the development of normative products and services like climate early warning applications that facilitate the implementation of DRR/CCA field projects;

- Promotes from an integrated sustainability and the agriculture, food security and nutrition perspective the implementation and operational integration of DRR, CCA and CSA concepts and approaches guided by the international policy agendas of SFDRR SDGs and the UNFCCC Paris Agreement
- Provides conceptual and technical advice to member countries and FAO decentralized offices in the fields of climate risk governance, resilience building and climate services in agricultural sectors
- Advise on FAO's strategic and technical contributions to the implementation of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with adverse effects of Climate Change, the UNFCCC Nairobi Work-Programme on Impacts Vulnerability and Adaptation, and the Global Framework for Climate Services

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in natural resources, agriculture, agro-climatology, disaster risk management or a related field
- Seven years of relevant experience in sustainable agricultural development and/or climate change and/or disaster risk management related issues for developing countries including a minimum of five years of relevant experience with climate change adaptation and/or disaster risk reduction in agriculture
- 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
- Extent and relevance of experience or knowledge of issues related to climate change and agriculture in developing countries and in particular in relation to climate change adaptation, climate services and disaster risk reduction in LDC and SIDS countries
- Extent and relevance of knowledge and experience in applying UNFCCC and UNISDR policy agendas and related mechanisms in the context of DRR and CCA implementation in the agricultural sectors
- Extent and relevance of experience in the formulation of development/investment projects related to climate change and disaster risk reduction and track record of projects formulated and/or project resources mobilized
- Extent and relevance of experience in the implementation of projects/programmes and in providing technical assistance/support to developing countries in the field of climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction in agriculture, forestry and fisheries sectors
- Extent and relevance of experience in development and implementation of climate services for DRR and CCA in developing countries
- Extent and relevance of experience in the preparation of technical and policy reports, guidelines and manuals in the fields of climate change and DRR/M in agriculture, forestry and fisheries, and related capacity development activities
- Extent and experience in coordination of multidisciplinary technical team/working groups, including across different agricultural and natural resource sectors

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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