



**Food and Agriculture Organization
of the United Nations**

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

International Consultant: Irrigation Specialist

Vacancy No. IRC3281

Contract duration: 3.5 months

Deadline for Application: 7 April 2016

Tasks and responsibilities:

Under the overall supervision of the Assistant Director-General/Regional Representative of the FAO Regional Office for the Near East and North Africa Region (RNE), the immediate supervision of the FAO Programme Coordinator in Gaziantep, Turkey, and in close coordination with the International Agronomist, the consultant will:

- Conduct an appraisal of past experiences in the collaboration of FAO partners, and production of a “Lessons learned” document to identify successes and weak points, and structure a first benchmark for further research
- Conduct a survey of the irrigation situation in the respective area of intervention with the collaboration of FAO partners
- Conduct a preliminary study on the selection of future projects sites
- Identify the more suitable irrigation systems for the area or of various approaches for different areas, if deemed appropriate
- Design one or more complete irrigation system layouts with dimensions/specifications of irrigation system for small holdings
- Elaboration of technical specifications for the procurement of all the components of the systems
- Support the procurement of irrigation material
- Structure and provide specific training to Syrian engineers on irrigation technical issues
- Elaboration of a user manual for use and maintenance of the systems
- Support FAO in the elaboration of a comprehensive proposal for supporting irrigation rehabilitation in concerned areas to be addressed to institutional donors
- Perform other duties as requested

Candidates should meet the following requirements:

Minimum requirements

- University degree in fields related to water resources management and water supply schemes, notably as they relate to agricultural use

- Five years' experience in planning and operating development cooperation programmes/projects in developing countries, specific experience in the region covered by RNE, ideally of Syria, will be value added;
- Prior experience in programme/project management within UN organizations
- Working knowledge (proficiency/level C) of English; knowledge of Arabic would be an asset

Selection criteria

- Work experience in more than one location or area of work, particularly in field positions is desirable
- Knowledge of UN field programmes, or FAO operational work within the agricultural sector in the Middle East would be an asset
- Proven report writing skills

Competencies

- Results focus
- Teamwork
- Interpersonal communication
- Building effective relationships
- Knowledge sharing and continuous improvement

Additional Information

- 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.

How to Apply

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