



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

## PROFESSIONAL VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT N°: IRC3326

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Deadline For Application: 27 April 2016

POSITION TITLE:	<b>Project Coordinator (Value Chain)</b>	GRADE LEVEL: <b>P-4</b>
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	<b>Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific RAPRD</b>	DUTY STATION: <b>Bangkok, Thailand</b> DURATION *: <b>Fixed Term: 1 Year - Extendable</b>

POST CODE/N°:

CCOG CODE: **1H01**

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

**Applications from qualified women as well as from 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 Asia and the Pacific (RAP) 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. RAP 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. RAP 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 Bangkok, Thailand and provides technical support to the project "Development of effective and inclusive food value chains in ASEAN Member State" in FAO's Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (RAP).

### Reporting Lines

The Project Coordinator reports to the project Budget Holder (BH) and the Senior Agricultural Officer (Value Chain, Marketing and Rural Finance) as Lead Technical Officer (LTO) in Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (RAP).

### Technical Focus

The project will focus on value/supply chains. The technical focus is on:

- Production meeting market specifications and requirements of existing and/or new crops
- Post-harvest (sorting/grading/packaging) meeting market specifications and requirements
- Logistics
- Identification of stable and reliable market outlets/buyers/processors

### Key Results

Contribution to the food and livelihood security of smallholders, by integrating them into agricultural value chains (dairy, fishery and vegetable) that link them to new market opportunities that providing higher and/or more stable prices for existing or new crops/products.

## Key Functions

- Review the potential for various value chains in potential participating countries in consultation with potential stakeholders, governments and LTO and select three countries with one value chain in each country
- Design, coordinate and execute the activities conceptualized in the project document, including design of a detailed work plan and budget and subsequent implementation of the detailed work plan
- Identify national and regional level human resources requirements
- Ensure timely procurement of supplies, inputs and equipment
- Be responsible for the reporting of project activities and for the design and development of training and publication materials as output of the project
- Be responsible for the process of testing and adapting available technologies on production, post-harvest handling, packaging and transportation for the selected value chains, as well as for adapting technologies for any further produce processing
- Mobilize and organize the producers into commercially viable groups, in conjunction with national coordinators,
- Train producers, transporters and processors as well as public sector advisory staff in the required technical practices through primarily in-situ sessions
- Analyze and collect information on the market potential for the selected crops
- Ensure that required certification services are being made available to farmers on a sustainable basis
- Perform other related duties, as required.

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## MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

*Candidates should meet the following:*

- Advanced university degree or a university degree in agricultural economics or related field (candidates holding a first level university degree may also be considered if possessing two additional years of relevant work experience)
- Seven years of relevant experience in a professional capacity in the development aspects of agriculture and agricultural value chains.
- Working knowledge of English

## Competencies

- Results Focus
- Team Work
- Communication
- Building effective relationships
- Knowledge sharing and continuous improvement

## Technical/Functional Skills

- Work experience in more than one location or area of work is desirable
- Working experience in ASEAN countries will be considered an asset
- Proven communication and problem solving abilities
- Relevant experience in presenting technical and policy issues to senior level government officials and commercial operators while at the same time appear credible from the perspective of farmers
- Relevant experience in the preparation of training materials, position papers and presentations
- Relevance of experience in organizing and implementing training courses/workshops
- Familiarity with funding mechanisms and reporting requirements of the donor
- Knowledge of Japanese would be an important asset in view of frequent exchange of information with the donor

Please note that all candidates should adhere to FAO Values of Commitment of FAO, Respect for all and integrity and transparency,

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#### **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 two years
- Candidates may be requested to provide performance assessments and references.

#### **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](http://www.un.org/Depts/OHRM/salaries_allowances/salary.htm)

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#### **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](mailto:iRecruitment@fao.org)

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