



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
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POSITION TITLE:	SENIOR LIAISON OFFICER	GRADE LEVEL:	P-5
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	LIAISON OFFICE WITH THE UNITED NATIONS	DUTY STATION:	New York, United States
		DURATION *:	Fixed term: two years with possibility of extension
		POST NUMBER:	
		CCOG CODE:	1.A.10

* 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 Office advises and assists in the development and implementation of FAO policies and decisions concerning enhanced FAO cooperation and partnerships with the United Nations system, including in the inter-agency mechanisms such as the CEB, HLCP and UNDG and with other international organizations, non-state actors and institutions located in New York. It also engages in dialogue with member states providing assistance and support in their discussions at different UN fora on matters related to the mandate of FAO. The Office promotes, advocates and raises awareness towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the achievement of the SDGs, in particular Goal n.2.

It also has the responsibility to establish regular contacts with the following countries that do not have a Permanent Representation in Rome through their Missions in New York: Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru and Palau.

In particular, the Senior Liaison Officer, will contribute to FAO efforts for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), by engaging with the member states, the UN System as a whole and all other actors involved in this endeavour. The SDGs will shape national development plans over the next 15 years. From ending poverty and hunger to responding to climate change and sustaining our natural resources, food and agriculture lies at the heart of the 2030 Agenda.

The position is located in New York, USA.

Reporting Lines

The Senior Liaison Officer reports to Director, LONY.

Technical Focus

Facilitate processes and efforts aiming at the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by liaising with key partners

Key Results

Leadership, technical and policy expertise for the planning, development and implementation of Office work, projects, products, and services in accordance with FAO Strategic Objectives

Key Functions

- Develops comprehensive programmes of engagement for FAO with Key partners on the issues of significance
- Represents the Organization in major interagency forums, projecting FAO's priorities and programme activities positioning FAO to influence programme work in other organizations;
- Assesses FAO participation in interagency forums, identifies areas to improve effectiveness of FAO communication strategies and approaches;
- Builds awareness within FAO of the perspective and priorities of collaborators, assists FAO programme unit with networking with external counterparts;
- Builds institutional networks promoting FAO position and establishing FAO as a centre of expertise on significant policy issues;
- Identifies programme synergies with collaborating partners and establishes collaborative frameworks of engagement for FAO programme activities;
- Establishes infrastructure of engagement for FAO on issues of major programme importance;
- Builds collaborative networks that position FAO to take leading roles on programme development, delivery and funding
- Leads mobilization of resources for partnerships in support of agriculture and food security to support countries of mutual interest;
- Performs other duties as required

Specific Functions

- Facilitates a coordinated approach in the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals by working closely with the NY-based agencies, other UN coordination mechanisms as well as with the membership and other stakeholders, including civil society;
- Ensures that the work of FAO is contributing to the SDGs implementation.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in Agriculture, Social or Political Sciences, Economics, Public Administration, International Relations or related field relevant to the work of the Organization
- Ten years of relevant experience in development work and /or interacting with social partners and with governments, international organisations, research institutions, civil society and the private sector, including in United Nations Organizations
- Working knowledge of English and of one of the other official languages of the Organization (Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian or Spanish)

Competencies

- Results Focus
- Leading, Engaging and Empowering
- Communication
- Partnering and Advocating
- Knowledge Sharing and Continuous Improvement
- Strategic Thinking

Technical/Functional Skills

- Work experience in more than one location or area of work, particularly in field positions is essential
- Extent and relevance of experience in a field relevant to the work of the Organization and development work and/or interacting with social partners and with governments, international organizations, research institutions, civil society and the private sector
- Depth of knowledge of FAO's structure, programmes and priorities and in particular of the relationships with the United Nations system.
- Depth of knowledge of the 2030 agenda and the role of international organizations in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

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.
- 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 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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