



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

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Deadline For Application: 28 October 2016

Position Title:	Senior Programme Officer (Fao-China South-South Cooperation Coordinator)	Grade Level:	P-5
Organizational Unit:	Office of Director, TCSD	Duty Station:	Rome, Italy
		Duration *:	Fixed term, 1 year (with a possibility of extension)
		Post Number:	2006063
		CCOG Code:	1A11

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 South-South Cooperation and Resource Mobilization Division (TCS) leads FAO's activities regarding South-South Cooperation (SSC) partnership and Resource Mobilization to support the Organization's strategic priorities for hunger eradication, sustainable production, rural poverty reduction, development of improved and inclusive food systems and building resilience of livelihoods to threats and crisis. The Division serves as entry point with Resource and SSC partners and coordinator for the Organization's mobilization of voluntary contributions. TCS also oversees, coordinates and facilitates South-South and Triangular Cooperation partnerships across the Organization as an effective mechanism for implementing FAO's Strategic Framework, through the exchange of development solutions, promotion of platforms for knowledge management and networks, mobilization of upstream policy support, and fostering enabling environment for effective SSC among countries in the global south. It oversees the reporting to partners on the results achieved. TCS is also responsible for Project Cycle operational management and provides policy setting, guidance and support to units responsible for operating projects (development of procedures, monitoring of compliance with resource partner agreements, project's operational rules, budgetary delivery, Help Desk support and capacity development).

Reporting Lines

The Senior Programme Officer (FAO-China South-South Cooperation Coordinator) works under the overall supervision of the Director, TCS and the day-to-day supervision of the Team Leader, SSC.

Technical Focus

Leadership and coordination in development and implementation of strategy and policies for FAO-China SSC programme. Facilitation of partnerships with the Government of China and Chinese stakeholders for mobilizing financial, technical, and human resources.

Key Results

Facilitation, negotiation and formulation of the SSC projects supported by the FAO-China SSC Trust Fund; Formalization of Tripartite Agreements, Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and related agreements.

Key Functions

- Leads liaison with the Government of China and other stakeholders for FAO-China SSC programme;
- Leads strategy and policy development in support of developing countries under the framework of FAO-China SSC programme;
- Facilitates the Annual Consultation Meeting with China on the FAO-China SSC programme, summarizes the programme achievements for review, develop work plan for approval;
- Facilitates the Resource Mobilization and SSC functional networks and ensures support is provided to Regional Initiative teams;
- Leads strategic thinking and prepares related plans to further develop and facilitate implementation of the Corporate Resource Mobilization and Management Strategy (RMMS), as well as SSC partnership strategy;
- Develops annual work plans to achieve divisional targets;
- Acts as the Senior Programme Officer for the FAO-China SSC Trust Fund, monitors and follows-up on the implementation of the Trust Fund with the People's Republic of China;
- Manages marketing and outreach activities related to FAO-China SSC programme;
- Represents the Organization in meetings with government officials, partners and donors in order to advocate for

- strategic partnerships; represents TCS on organization-wide committees and working groups;
- Prepares reports on the implementation of the FAO-China SSC Programme for Management, FAO Governing Bodies, UN and other fora, as and when required;
- Performs other duties as required.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in international development, development economics, business administration, agriculture, agricultural economics, or field relevant to the work of the Organization;
- Ten years of relevant experience in international development cooperation, project management, agriculture development and management, and SSC;
- Five years of relevant experience in coordination of the SSC programme or Chinese international cooperation programme;
- Working knowledge of English and Chinese.

Competencies

- Results Focus;
- Leading, engaging and empowering;
- Communication;
- Building Effective Relationships;
- Knowledge Sharing and Continuous Improvement;
- Strategic thinking.

Technical/Functional Skills

- Work experience in more than one location or area of work is essential;
- Work experience in the Government of China is essential;
- Substantive and relevant experience in developing countries and/or in the international cooperation context;
- Demonstrated experience in negotiating complex funding agreements with bilateral and multilateral institutions;
- Demonstrated skills and experience in managing relations and outreach with partners;
- Demonstrated skills and experience in Resource Mobilization and SSC;
- Extent of knowledge on the Chinese agricultural systems, rural development and SSC policies;
- Extent of knowledge of the FAO-China SSC programme is required.

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 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

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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

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