



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
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Deadline For Application: **28 March 2017**

POSITION TITLE:	Senior Liaison Officer	GRADE LEVEL:	P-5
		DUTY STATION:	Washington, D.C.
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Liaison Office for North America	DURATION *:	Fixed term: two years with possibility of extension
		POST NUMBER:	0127647
		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 FAO-LO (Liaison Office for North America) advises and assists in the development and implementation of FAO policies and programmes by facilitating communication and cooperation between FAO and the North American Governments and the public, and between FAO and the international and inter-American organizations based in Washington. It serves as focal point for FAO relations with these institutions and organizations

The position is located in Washington, D.C., USA

Reporting Lines

The Senior Liaison Officer reports to Director, LOW.

Technical Focus

Communication and cooperation between FAO and the North American Governments and international institutions

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

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.

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/iemployment-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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