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Position Title:	Senior Natural Resources Officer (Water Resources and Irrigation)	Grade Level:	P-5
		Duty Station:	Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
Organizational Unit:	Subregional Office for the Gulf Cooperation Council States and Yemen, SNG	Duration*:	Fixed term: 1 year, with possibility of extension
		Post Number:	2006327
		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

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

FAO's Subregional Office for the Gulf Cooperation Council States and Yemen (SNG), is responsible for developing, promoting, overseeing and implementing agreed strategies for addressing subregional food, agriculture and rural development priorities. It develops and maintains relations with subregion-wide institutions including Regional Economic Integration Organizations (REIOs). It assists the FAO Representations (FAORs) in the subregion with addressing subregional food security, agriculture and rural development issues at country level. The Subregional Office is a subsidiary of FAO's Regional Office for the Near East and North Africa (RNE).

The post is located in the United Arab Emirates, Abu Dhabi.

Reporting Lines

The Water Management and Irrigation Officer reports to the Subregional Coordinator for the Gulf Cooperation Council States and Yemen under functional guidance of the relevant technical divisions in headquarters to ensure corporate technical coherence and quality.

Technical Focus

This position will lead a programme of work on planning, coordinating and lead supervising SNG's work programme related to water resources and irrigation development and management for agriculture and sustainable agricultural systems.

Key Results

Leadership and technical policy expertise for the planning, development and implementation of Regional Programmes of work, projects, products, services in accordance with FAO's Strategic Framework.

Key Functions

- Plans, manages, or leads highly specialized or multidisciplinary teams, leads, coordinates, and/or participates in regional committees, project teams, and working groups, and/or provides technical leadership/secretariat services on technical networks and/or international technical policy and standard setting bodies;
- Analyses global and country specific requirements and relevant technical issues to provide, in collaboration with the Regional Programme Leader, critical input into the FAO Strategic Objectives, Programme of Work, work plans and the supporting budgets and/or resourcing strategies;
- Implements and monitors programmes of work involving the development of the approach, evidence based strategies, and related tools, methodologies and the supporting system/database, monitoring and reporting frameworks;
- Conducts, designs and oversees research and analysis activities to support the development of technical standards, international instruments, innovation, technical reports, publications and/or ongoing programme development as well as the provision of technical and/or policy advisory services;
- Provides technical and policy advice to member countries and technical support to Decentralized Offices in the development and implementation of their programmes;
- Leads and/or collaborates in, provides technical backstopping to and ensures the quality and effectiveness of capacity development and knowledge sharing activities within member countries such as policy support, organizational development and individual learning events including preparation of related information, learning, on-line tools;
- Represents the Organization at international meetings and conferences, identifies, in collaboration with concerned divisions (*inter alia* TCS and OPC) and implements strategic partnerships, advocates best practices and increased policy dialogue and develops and negotiates effective working relationships/consensus and agreements with international and national stakeholders;
- Leads and/or participates in resource mobilization activities in accordance with the FAO Corporate strategy.

Specific Functions

- Serves as the FAO focal point to all aspects of water development for agriculture in SNG. Lead regional efforts in the collection and regular updating of key information and data on water use and irrigation in agriculture and provide advice in the fields of policy, applied research, technical seminars and training and promotion of integrated land and water development programmes;

- Coordinates, in collaboration with the Regional Programme Leader, the identification and formulation of requests for external assistance by governments in the fields of irrigation, water resources development and management, climate change and other related areas;
- Promotes, organizes and participates in regional studies related to the afore-mentioned fields and follow-up with the initiation of activities emanating from such studies;
- Leads water resources and irrigation related activities in SNG, especially between abovementioned Member Governments and regional governmental and non-governmental organizations, ensuring, through consultations with the Land and Water Division and relevant Functional Technical Networks, that the necessary consistency of approaches is maintained;
- Represents FAO/SNG in regional conferences/meetings/workshops related to water resources, development, management, irrigation, drainage, climate change and related subject matters;
- Organizes agricultural sector review and advises on national/regional needs and projects or the development, management and conservation of water resources;
- Performs other related duties as required.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in Agriculture, Engineering or Natural Sciences with specification in irrigation and water resources development or a related field;
- Ten years of relevant experience in natural resources management, including in government departments, international organizations, or in private enterprises, and working experience in developing countries;
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese, Russian.

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 coordinating irrigation and water resources development programmes;
- Demonstrated ability to analyse technical and scientific information; to write clearly and concisely, edit technical reports and make effective oral presentations;
- Extent and relevance of experience in organizing and leading meetings and training activities at national and regional level;
- Extent and relevance of experience in the Near East region and knowledge of FAO activities, structure and procedures is considered a strong asset;
- Ability to mobilize resources.

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.

REMUNERATION

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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.

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