



## Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

## CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT N°: IRC4258

Issued on: 19 June 2017

Deadline For Application: 29 June 2017

**JOB TITLE:** National Value Chain Consultant

**TYPE OF CONTRACT:** Consultant

**DUTY STATION:** Cairo, Egypt

**ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:** FAO Egypt

**DURATION:** 6 months (extendable to 18 months maximum)

*FAO seeks gender, geographical and linguistic diversity in its staff and international consultants in order to best serve FAO Members in all regions.*

**Qualified female applicants are encouraged to apply.**

**Persons with disabilities are equally encouraged to apply.**

**All applications will be treated with the strictest confidence.**

### Organizational Setting

The post is based in the FAO Representation in Egypt located in Cairo.

### Reporting Lines

The National Value Chain Consultant reports to the FAO Representative in Egypt under the day-to-day supervision of the Nutrition and Food Systems Officer.

### Technical Focus

Food loss and waste reduction, value chain development, marketing and agro-food enterprise development.

### Tasks and responsibilities

The National Value Chain Consultant will support implementation of activities for the Egypt component of "GCP/RNE/004/ITA: Food Loss and Waste reduction and Value Chain Development for Food Security in Egypt and Tunisia". The Value Chain Consultant will work in close collaboration with the project Lead Technical Officer (LTO), National Project Focal Point and Government officials, project partners and stakeholders, to perform the following duties:

#### General Responsibilities

- Liaise and collaborate actively with the project team, FAO Representation, government focal points to the project, project staff and other project stakeholders, on a regular basis;
- Implement project activities as required and prescribed by the project WPB;
- Liaise, coordinate and organize with external participants (technical support missions, national and international consultants, etc.);
- Contribute with data and information to the project's monitoring and evaluation system, and progress reports;
- Liaise with concerned technical departments of the governments to exchange information and facilitate collaboration for project implementation.

#### Specific Technical Duties

- Contribute to the research on tomato and grape value chains in Egypt, along with appointed national and/ or international food value chain researchers and national institutions;
- Contribute to the process of identifying, recruiting and/or training a cadre of national service providers in subject matters such as value chain development, enterprise development, farm business management, postharvest management, logistics, etc ;
- Liaise, coordinate, organize and guide the cadre of national service providers for implementation of project activities ;
- Contribute to the research or appraisal of existing and potential business models between smallholders suppliers and domestic and regional buyers of grape and tomato products;
- Food chain actors in the chosen geographic zones, in particular small-scale famers, traders and SMEs, with an emphasis on women participation, are mentored and coached in business linkages and partnerships
- Contribute to the identification of capacity building needs for policy makers, service providers and value chain actors; contribute to the development of training materials according to FAO standards; actively participate in project trainings
- Design, compile and be responsible for the database on identified project beneficiaries;
- Organize, facilitate and actively contribute to technology demonstrations provided by the project;
- Contribute to the organization of events, workshops and conferences to present, discuss and endorse the project findings for value chain development and food losses and waste reduction with relevant national, regional and international stakeholders;
- Actively contribute to project communication efforts;
- Perform any other duties as required.

## CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

### Minimum Requirements

- First degree in agriculture postharvest subject matters is essential, preferably with an advanced university degree in business and/or management and/or marketing and related fields;
- At least three (3) years of demonstrated experience in the private sector, NGO or IGO, with significant experience in field training and project implementation
- He/she will have good communication skills in English (written and spoken), and fluency in Arabic (written and spoken)

### FAO Core Competencies

- Results Focus
- Teamwork
- Communication
- Building Effective Relationships
- Knowledge Sharing and Continuous Improvement

### Technical/Functional Skills

- The National Value Chain Consultant will be knowledgeable and have practical experience in the food value chain approach;
- Experience in small and medium agri-food enterprise development and practical skills in training is essential;
- Working experience in more than one location or area of work in field positions are desirable;
- Relevance and extent of experience in working with inter-governemental bodies and multi-disciplinary teams;
- Excellent organizational skills;
- Demonstrated ability to analyze problems, make appropriate recommendations, effective decisions,
- Strong foundation in programme, implementation, and management;

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Please note that all candidates should adhere to *FAO Values of Commitment to FAO, Respect for All and Integrity and Transparency*.

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### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- All applications will be reviewed and qualified applicants will be contacted for interviews.
- FAO does not charge a fee at any stage of the recruitment process (application, interview meeting, processing).
- Incomplete applications will not be considered. If you need help, or have queries, please contact: [iRecruitment@fao.org](mailto:iRecruitment@fao.org)
- Applications received after the closing date will not be accepted.
- Only language proficiency certificates from UN accredited external providers and/or FAO language official examinations (LPE, ILE, LRT) will be accepted as proof of the level of knowledge of languages indicated in the online applications.
- For other issues, visit the FAO employment website: <http://www.fao.org/employment/home/en/>

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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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