



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Vacancy Announcement No: IRC4356

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Deadline For Application: **20 July 2017**

Position Title:	Chief Technical Adviser	Grade Level: P-5
Organizational Unit:	FAO Representation in Lebanon, FNLEB	Duty Station: Lebanon, Beirut
		Duration *: Fixed term: one year with possibility of extension
		Post Number: 2006412
		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 main aim of the FAO country offices, which are headed by an FAO Representative, is to assist governments to develop policies, programmes and projects to achieve food security and to reduce hunger and malnutrition, to help develop the agricultural, fisheries and forestry sectors, and to use their environmental and natural resources in a sustainable manner.

The FAO Representation in Lebanon is responsible for leading the administration and coordination of implementation of projects with the technical and operational support of the FAO-RNE and HQ.

FAO Lebanon is implementing several projects to enhance the resilience of small-scale farmers by supporting a range of activities including investments in land reclamation and water reservoirs, cash transfer, farmer field schools, rehabilitation of agriculture technical schools and protection of agriculture and livestock assets. These projects are funded by a several donors and implemented by FAO in partnership with international and national partners.

In light of its expanding project portfolio, the FAO Office in Lebanon is seeking to recruit an experienced Chief Technical Adviser to coordinate the implementation of all donor-funded projects and to assist the Office in its ongoing resource mobilization efforts.

The post is located in the FAO Representation in Beirut, Lebanon.

Reporting Lines

The Chief Technical Advisor reports to the the FAO Representative (FAOR) under the technical supervision of the relevant Divisions at FAO Headquarters.

Technical Focus

The incumbent will provide high-level operational and technical guidance to projects implemented by FAO Lebanon under the Lebanon Crisis Response Plan (LCRP). The incumbent will ensure the successful delivery of all projects and will assist the FAOR in resource mobilization efforts under the LCRP

Key Results

Leadership and technical expertise for the planning, development and implementation of Programmes of work, projects, related-products, and services in accordance with FAO Strategic Objectives.

Key Functions

- Leads the development, implementation and evaluation on technical issues of assigned programmes/projects; directs review of relevant documents and reports; identifies priorities, liaises with relevant parties; identifies and initiates follow-up actions;
- Coordinates programmes and reviews the assessments of issues and trends for the implementation of programmes and projects and the preparation of impact evaluation or equivalent studies;
- Supervises preparation of various written outputs, e.g. background papers, analysis, substantial sections of reports and studies, inputs to publications;
- Directs substantive support to consultative and other meetings, conferences, to include proposing agenda topics, identifying participants, preparation of documents and presentations;
- Manages outreach activities; designs and conducts training workshops, seminars, makes presentations on assigned topics/activities;
- Leads field missions, including provision of guidance to external consultants, government officials and other parties;
- Provides advice to develop policies and strategies as well as national protocols and guide lines for projects with

specific domains related to FAO's work

Specific Functions

- Directs review of relevant documents and reports; identifies priorities, liaises with relevant parties; identifies and initiates follow-up actions;
- In consultation with all stakeholders, develops the detailed implementation plan indicating the activities to be implemented, the modality of implementation and the funds required for each; manages operations and activities and amends this plan as deemed necessary;
- Plans and oversees the provision of all FAO inputs, including provision of specifications; manages the process for the purchase of equipment and supplies, and their maintenance;
- Engages in stakeholders consultation, including at community level;
- Prepares business plans on new/alternative economic and entrepreneurial activities;
- Prepares progress reports during the project life and a terminal end of project report as well as an end of assignment report;
- Performs other related duties as required

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in agricultural economics, development economics, rural sociology, food security, nutrition, sustainable agriculture (including livestock, forestry and fisheries), social sciences or related fields;
- Ten years of relevant experience in technical cooperation-related activities, policy advice and analysis relating to food and nutrition security, agriculture and rural development, monitoring and evaluation of policies and programmes;
- 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
- Five years of relevant experience in managing donor-funded projects
- Extent and relevance of experience in technical cooperation-related activities, policy advice and analysis relating to food and nutrition security, agriculture and rural development, monitoring and evaluation of policies and programmes and/or providing technical support and advice on institutional capacity building processes
- Extent and relevance of experience in project management
- Extent and relevance of experience in establishing and maintaining partnerships with UN agencies, NGOs as well as donors and government institutions and agencies

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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