



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Vacancy Announcement No: IRC4492

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Deadline For Application: 12 September 2017

Position Title:	Partnerships Officer (Coordinator, Civil Society And Cooperatives)	Grade Level:	P-4
Organizational Unit:	Office of Director, OPCDD	Duty Station:	Italy, Rome
		Duration *:	Fixed term: 2 years (with possibility of extension)
		Post Number:	0852902
		CCOG Code:	1A10

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

Partnerships, Advocacy and Capacity Development Division (OPC) is in charge of developing and strengthening external partnerships to facilitate delivery on FAO's mandate; advocacy for gender equality and women's empowerment; capacity development; land tenure: and south-south cooperation.

The Partnerships Unit (OPCP) of the Partnerships, Advocacy and Capacity Development Division (OPC) is responsible for developing and strengthening partnerships with non-state actors that will help to accomplish FAO's mandate, including nongovernmental organizations, civil society organizations (CSOs), academia, research and development institutes, the private sector, and producers' organizations and cooperatives.

The post is located in the Partnerships Unit (OPCP) specifically with the Civil Society and Cooperatives Team. The Civil Society and Cooperatives Team works to enhance the quality, number and impact of FAO's relations with civil society organizations (social movements, NGOs, member-based organizations - cooperatives and producer organizations) at the global, regional and national level, and provides the regional and decentralized offices with guidance and advice they may need for successful collaboration with CSOs.

Reporting Lines

The Partnerships Officer reports to the Senior Partnerships Officer (Chief, Partnerships Unit)

Technical Focus

Contribute to the development and strengthening of partnerships with civil society organizations, including NGOs, cooperatives and producer organizations to accomplish FAOs mandate.

Key Results

Comprehensive services and advice on networking and Partnerships; increase and strengthen Partnerships and knowledge networks within and outside the Organization, with national, regional and international development partners, NGOs, and private sector, to support country-level actions guided by FAO's Country Programme Framework (CPF) as well as increasing South-South and triangular cooperation.

Key Functions

- Identifies, with the appropriate technical divisions, possible collaborations and partnerships with civil society organizations (including cooperatives and producer organization) for the fulfilment of the Strategic Objectives, both at Headquarters (HQ) and decentralized levels;
- Builds and maintains relations with a wide section of cooperatives, CSOs and producer organizations, relevant to FAOs work in order to expand FAO collaboration at local, national, regional and global levels with these stakeholders
- Provides guidance and advice to staff at Headquarters (HQ) and in Decentralized Offices (DOs) on the use of corporate requirements related to partnerships with civil society, cooperatives and producer organizations;
- Develops tools for capacity building among staff in HQ and DO to strengthen FAOs capacity of partnering with civil society organizations, including cooperatives and producer organizations;
- Elaborates an annual work plan with the priorities and main activities of civil society organizations (including cooperatives and producer organizations) , which will be aligned with FAOs Strategic Objectives and

- programmes;
- Advises and promotes the participation of civil society organizations, cooperatives and producer organizations in different FAO fora and policy discussions, the CFS and other relevant discussions at regional and national levels;
- Contributes to the formulation, implementation and monitoring of Country Programme Frameworks (CPFs) and support country-level actions guided by FAOs CPFs, assuring the participation and involvement of civil society organizations;
- Identifies opportunities for mobilizing resources to strengthen FAOs capacity in engaging with civil society and develop relevant funding proposals;
- Foster, strengthens and manages strategic partnerships to encourage and promote the involvement of CSOs, cooperatives and producer organizations in technical and advocacy FAOs work on relevant issues for these stakeholders
- Contributes to the elaboration and execution of the Monitoring and Evaluation system of FAOs partnerships
- Collaborates in capacity development activities involving knowledge sharing, the organization of training workshops, seminars, and meetings as well as the development of related materials and on-line tools and information kits;
- Performs any other related duties as required.

Specific Functions

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CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in international relations, social sciences, economics, agricultural sciences or any other discipline relevant to the work of the Organization;
- Seven years of relevant experience in the development of social policies and programmes especially with civil society organizations, social movements, NGO and/or cooperatives, producer organizations and governments; Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese, Russian

Competencies

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

Technical/Functional Skills

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' Extent and relevance of academic qualifications;

' Understanding of FAO policies and programmes and knowledge of FAO's strategy for civil society partnerships is considered a strong asset

' Extent and relevance of experience and/or knowledge related to civil society engagement, NGOs, including experience with multistakeholder platforms in institutional spaces;

' Experience and/or knowledge in resource mobilization with governments;

' Proved analytical skills and ability to negotiate with different stakeholders;

' Extent and relevance of experience in working with civil society organization and/or NGOs at the field level;

' Extent and relevance of experience working in national governments on the promotion and inclusion of civil society organizations in public policies;

' Demonstrated experience in writing and/or editing technical documents clearly and concisely in English.

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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