



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Vacancy Announcement No: IRC4508

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Deadline For Application: 27 September 2017

Position Title:	Agro-Industry Officer (Agribusiness And Value Chains)	Grade Level:	P-4
		Duty Station:	Lebanon, Beirut
Organizational Unit:	Multi Disciplinary Team, SNMMD	Duration *:	Fixed term: 1 year (with possibility of extension)
		Post Number:	2006496
		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 Mashreq countries (SNM) 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 Representatives (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 Subregional Office for the Mashreq countries in Beirut, Lebanon.

Reporting Lines

The Agro-Industry Officer reports to the Subregional Coordinator, maintains regular contact for technical/functional guidance from respective FAO headquarters LTU in Rome as the case may be and works in close collaboration with the Regional Programme Leader (RPL) in the Regional Office.

Technical Focus

Supports the provision of technical and policy assistance and strategic guidance to member countries and national institutions on agro-industry development, market linkages and value chain development, agribusiness, and food loss and waste reduction.

Key Results

Comprehensive technical and policy expertise to support the planning, development, implementation and reporting of the Sub regional initiatives, departmental and division programmes, projects, products and services in accordance with sub regional, departmental, division objectives and FAO Strategic Objectives.

Key Functions

- Plans and leads components of multi-disciplinary teams, leads and/or participates on Organization-wide, cross-departmental committees, project teams, and working groups and/or provides specialized expertise on technical networks and/or international technical policy and/or international technical policy and standard setting bodies;
- Develops technical, analytical, monitoring and reporting frameworks, and related methodologies, tools, systems and databases, etc. to support the planning, implementation/delivery and monitoring of programmes of work, projects, products and/or services, in close collaboration with the RPL, RNE;
- Designs and conducts research, data collection, validation, analysis and/or reporting activities to support the development of technical standards, international instruments, innovative approaches and strategies, new tools, technologies, technical reports/publications, and/or policy proposals as well as the provision of technical/policy/ specialist/advice and expertise;
- Responds to country requests for technical and policy assistance, provides technical advice, assistance and solutions to Decentralized Offices and provides technical backstopping to field projects;
- Collaborates in, provides technical backstopping to and ensures the quality/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 materials, on-line tools;
- Promotes international cooperation/advocates best practices, increased policy dialogue and provides technical expertise at international/intergovernmental meetings;
- Participates in resource mobilization activities in accordance with the FAO Corporate strategy and in close collaboration with the RPL and concerned divisions.

Specific Functions

- In the context of a member-country endorsed " Strategic Framework for the Reduction of Food Losses and Waste in the Near East and North Africa", engages in strategy development and programme/action plan formulation with member countries;
- Serves as focal point within Subregional Office for agro-industry development, value chain development, and food losses and waste reduction, and provides assistance and guidance to technical officers, including those based in FAO Representations;
- Contributes to field programme development on agro-industry and value chain development from project idea through formulation, approval, funding and implementation;
- Supports knowledge exchange activities and networking, builds partnerships within Sub region under the umbrella of the RNE's food loss and waste programme of work, and the Global Initiative on Food Loss and Waste Reduction.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in agricultural engineering, food science and technology, economics, agricultural economics or other related discipline;
- Seven years of relevant experience in one or more of the following areas: value chain analysis and development, agribusiness and market development, agro-food processing, post-harvest handling, and agro-food industry technologies;
- Working knowledge of English and limited knowledge of one of the following languages: Arabic, French, Spanish, Russian or Chinese.

Competencies

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

Technical/Functional Skills

- Work experience in more than one location or area of work, particularly in field positions is desirable;
- Extent and relevance of experience in developing countries and/or in the Near East and North African region is considered an asset;
- Extent and relevance or knowledge of value-added transformation and technologies of food and agricultural materials through processing, packaging, handling and storage, including product quality aspects within food and commodity chains;
- Specific experience in post-harvest management, preferably in loss measurement and reduction;
- Extent and relevance of experience in the analysis, design, implementation and evaluation of strategies, programmes and projects related to value chain, agribusiness, or agro-food industries development;
- Experience in organizing and facilitating international meetings, seminars and training courses in the technical general area of agro-industries development;
- Working knowledge of Arabic or French is highly desirable.

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

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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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