



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Vacancy Announcement No.: IRC4518

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Deadline For Application: 22 September 2017

Position Title:	Chief Technical Adviser (Project Manager)	Grade Level:	P-5
		Duty Station:	Egypt, Cairo
Organizational Unit:	Outposted Technical Officers Group, RNETD	Duration *:	Fixed term: 1 year (with possibility of extension)
		Post Number:	2006505
		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 Regional Office for Near East and North Africa (FAO-RNE) leads a key Regional Initiative on Water Scarcity. Established in the second half of 2013, the Water Scarcity Initiative (WSI) intends to support countries in coping with one of their most striking challenges: the pursuit of food and water securities, for a sustainable social and economic development, under an unprecedented severe escalation of water scarcity. The objectives of the WSI are: enhancing policies, investments, governance and best practices to sustainably increase water and land productivity; providing critical thinking and tools for strategic planning of optimal and sustainable allocation of scarce water resources; implementing a regional collaborative strategy for a water-reform agenda.

With the endorsement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) by the world countries, the WSI has focused its attention to the SDG 6.4 ('By 2030, substantially increase water-use efficiency across all sectors and ensure sustainable withdrawals and supply of freshwater to address water scarcity and substantially reduce the number of people suffering from water scarcity') due to the relevant alignment of this SDG with the WSI goals. The WSI has thus developed a project aiming at 'Implementing the 2030 Agenda for water efficiency/productivity and water sustainability in NENA countries' (GCP/RNE/009/SWE), financed by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida).

The substantive role of the Chief Technical Adviser (CTA) will be to manage the Project for a successful implementation. The arrangements with respect to provision and administrative and operational support to the project, at its various stages, specifying responsibilities and reporting lines, are stipulated in the Project document. The core management and operational team of the Project will have the Delivery Manager of the WSI as the overall project supervisor, a Lead Technical Officer (LTO), looking more closely at the technical soundness of the operations, and the CTA as overall full-time project manager. Technical and operational support will be also provided by HQ as needed. Coordination between the different project Outputs, national teams and complementary projects will be required as well.

Reporting Lines

The Chief Technical Adviser reports to the Lead Technical Officer (LTO) of the project, under the direct supervision of The Water Scarcity Initiative Delivery-Manager, and the overall supervision of the Regional Representative for the Near East And North Africa. The CTA is also required to exercise a strong collaboration and coordination with the National Project Teams and the Project Partners.

Technical Focus

Water Accounting, Water Productivity, Water Sustainability.

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

- Provides strategic direction and support to the partners and to national country teams for the effective implementation of the project and achievement of its objectives;
- Coordinates and manages the technical and operational implementation of Project activities, including timely delivery of inputs by the different project partners and national country teams;
- Adopts proper monitoring mechanisms to closely follow-up outputs, milestones and deliverables according to the project document and agreed work plan and identifies constraints and issues that requires timely solutions and corrective actions;
- Prepares necessary field documents, work plans, regular progress reports and the Terminal Report of the project;
- Ensures synergies with relevant on-going projects and programmes at country and regional level;
- Ensures coherence and consistency with the overall work plan of the Water Scarcity Initiative;
- Engages in resource mobilization as well as in stakeholders consultation, including at community level;
- Supports the project budget holder in maintaining adequate operational and financial accounting and help to prepare financial reports;
- Oversees the provision of all FAO inputs, including provision of technical specifications, purchase of equipment and supplies, preparation of Letters of Agreements and Terms of References for consultants;
- Represents the Organization at international meetings and conferences;
- Performs other related duties as required;

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in in Hydrological Science, or Agricultural Science, or Agricultural Economics or related field;
- Ten years of relevant experience in in technical cooperation-related activities, water-related or agricultural-related projects management, monitoring and evaluation of policies and programmes, policy advice;
- 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 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 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 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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