



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT N°: IRC4621

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Deadline For Application: 25 September 2017

JOB TITLE: YPARD Global Coordinator

TYPE OF CONTRACT: Consultant

DUTY STATION: Rome, Italy

ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: ADGD

DURATION: 11 months

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 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.

YPARD is seeking a dynamic, flexible, independent and innovative director to lead the network.

The mission of Young Professionals for Agricultural Development (YPARD) is to serve as a global platform through which young professionals can express their ideas and realize their full potential towards a dynamic agricultural research for development. It facilitates the exchange of information and knowledge among young professionals across disciplines, professions, age and regions; broadens opportunities for young professionals (YPs) to contribute to strategic agricultural policy debates at global, regional, national and local level; promotes agriculture among young people and facilitates access to resources and capacity building opportunities. YPARD is hosted by the Global Forum for Agricultural Research (GFAR) which is hosted by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

The director is responsible for the strategic direction, the overall coordination and fundraising of the network. While the network is large, the staff team is small and thus the director must be creative and flexible when faced with challenges and opportunities. We are seeking someone who can be proactive and confident to lead while at the same time responding and adapting to the different needs and priorities of a diverse network.

In particular, the incumbent has the following roles and responsibilities:

1. **Strategic development:** work with the network to develop the strategic direction and planning for the organization;
2. **Operations:** Advise on recruitment and annual and programme budgets
3. **Network Hosting Arrangements:** oversee YPARD's four regional coordination units which incorporate the activities of over sixty volunteer national representatives. Maintain existing regional hosting contracts with host institutions and seek new hosting institutions and regional representatives when required. Maintain the hosting relationship with the global hosting institution: the Global Forum for Agricultural Research (GFAR) and liaise with its constituents for ongoing activities;
4. **Programmes:** Develop and implement new global programmes and support the continuation of ongoing programmes such as the mentoring program. Guide the development of regional programme planning and activities, implementation and reporting, ensuring milestones and deadlines are met. Oversee national programs on an exceptional basis;
5. **Fundraising:** Seek new funding and funding relationships for YPARD. Identify new potential funding partners, develop and submit proposals. Continue current agreements and adhere to reporting deadlines;
6. **Partnership:** Engage in strategic networking with leading agencies in the agricultural development sector;
7. **Global representation:** Represent YPARD at international, regional and national events. Raise its profile among relevant stakeholders;
8. **Steering Committee:** Report to the YPARD Steering Committee. Prepare the YPARD annual workplan, narrative and financial reports for the YPARD Steering Committee and the annual Steering Committee meeting itself. Provide consolidated updates and progress reports (financial and activities) throughout the year and support the recruitment for new SC members in coordination with the chair and vice-chair.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in agriculture, rural development, international development or related field
- 4 years of relevant experience in development or agricultural related organizations
- Working knowledge of English and limited knowledge of Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian or Spanish .

FAO Core Competencies

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

Technical/Functional Skills

- Experience in fundraising, managing programs, writing reports, and working with a diverse group of stakeholders;
- Knowledge and passion around issues of youth and agriculture;
- A creative spirit able to generate new models and ideas;
- Experience working with and mobilizing volunteers would be an advantage;

Selection Criteria

- The applicant is expected to be a member of YPARD and believe in YPARD's youth led mission

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

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
- 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/>

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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