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Deadline For Application: 29 September 2017

JOB TITLE: ENERGY-SMART FOOD CONSULTANTS

TYPE OF CONTRACT: Consultant / PSA (base and middle levels)

DUTY STATION: Rome, Italy (or other location)

ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT DIVISION (CBC)

DURATION: Assignments from one to eleven months on a when-actually-employed basis

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.

Organizational Setting

The Energy-Smart Food (ESF) Programme of FAO aims to ensure adequate supply of modern energy services along agrifood chains, by (i) improving energy efficiency; (ii) gradually increasing the use of renewable energy, in particular sustainable development of bioenergy; (iii) contributing to the development of a bioeconomy; and (iv) implementing the above through a water-energy-food nexus approach. The ESF Programme of work focuses on supporting developing countries and emergency/protracted crises settings.

The ESF Programme is coordinated by the Energy Group of the Climate and Environment Division, in collaboration with relevant technical Divisions and FAO decentralized Offices.

The purpose of this call is to provide FAO's Climate and Environment Division (CBC) with a list of qualified candidates to enhance FAO's programme of work on ESF.

Contracts will be based in FAO HQ (or other location) with required travel for field missions, where relevant.

Reporting Lines

The ESF Consultants will work under the overall technical supervision of the Energy Team Leader and the direct supervision of a relevant Officer of the Energy Group and/or FAO decentralized Office, as appropriate. When activities are carried out in countries, the consultant will be required to work in close collaboration with the FAO Representation in the relevant country of assignment, as well as the relevant FAO regional office.

Technical Focus

Supporting the implementation, further knowledge development, and training and dissemination activities of FAO's portfolio of ESF projects through the provision of expertise in relevant aspects of the ESF programme.

Tasks and responsibilities

ESF Consultants will support FAO, national counterparts and partners in the programme of work of FAO's ESF programme including country level activities, knowledge sharing and generation, capacity building and further development of areas under the ESF programme. Specific tasks would concern as appropriate:

- Implementation of ESF projects and project components, including implementation of country level activities;
- Knowledge generation and dissemination materials related to ESF;
- Further development or upgrading of components of the ESF programme;
- Writing of concept notes, project proposals and other relevant documents that contribute to ESF programme implementation;
- ESF training and information materials;
- ESF training programmes;
- Preparation of ESF project documentation and proposals;
- Review of relevant programme documents;
- Liaison with relevant FAO units (or other organizations) relevant to their assignment to obtain guidance and advice on specific elements;
- Participation in country missions related to ESF project – from project preparation idea to final appraisal;
- Coordination of inputs to ESF project proposals;
- Technical support for the organization of meetings and workshops;
- Any other duties related to ESF programme as required.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in energy, engineering, agricultural sciences, natural resources management or a related field;
- One to four years of relevant experience (energy-agrifood links, bioenergy, bioeconomy) for base level consultants, and at least five years' relevant experience (energy-agrifood links, bioenergy, bioeconomy) for middle level consultants;
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish, and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese or Russian if required by the assignment.

FAO Core Competencies

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

Selection Criteria

- Work experience in one or more areas of work of the ESF programme and, for middle level consultants, in addition in at least one location;
- Extent and relevance of experience in bioenergy, including bioenergy potential assessments, implementation of bioenergy projects, and monitoring and evaluation of bioenergy programmes or projects; and/or
- Extent and relevance of experience in energy in agrifood systems (analysis of financial, economic, social and environmental costs and benefits, implementation, monitoring and evaluation); and/or
- Extent and relevance of experience in relation to bioeconomy; and
- Familiarity (base level consultant) or in depth knowledge (middle level consultant) with the tools of FAO's ESF programme.

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 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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