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Deadline For Application: 2 October 2017

JOB TITLE: Senior Food and Nutrition Security Policy and Monitoring Consultant (FIRST Programme)

TYPE OF CONTRACT: Consultant

DUTY STATION: Home based with missions to Rome, Brussels and selected FIRST countries

ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: STRATEGIC PROGRAMME 1 (SP1)

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.**

Organizational Setting

Food and Nutrition Security Impact, Resilience, Sustainability and Transformation (FIRST) is a FAO and the European Union partnership programme with the purpose of providing a policy assistance mechanism for improved food security and nutrition and sustainable agriculture. FIRST is designed to strengthen the enabling policy and institutional environment for food security, nutrition and sustainable agriculture in a number of selected priority countries. FIRST is embedded within the FAO's programme management and coordination structure. It contributes directly to the food security, nutrition and sustainable agriculture policy and governance related results envisioned under FAO Strategic Objectives 1. 'Help Eliminate Hunger, Food Insecurity and Malnutrition' and 2. 'Make agriculture, forestry and fisheries more productive and sustainable'.

Reporting Lines

The Senior Consultant works under the overall guidance of Strategic Programme Leader 1 (SP1) and the direct supervision of the Deputy Strategic Programme Leader 1 and FIRST Manager (FAO/Rome). In close collaboration with the SP1 management team and EU-DEVCO:

Technical Focus

Supporting the implementation and further development of the FIRST Policy Assistance Facility, leading the further development and implementation of the programme's monitoring and knowledge management work of the programme and providing policy guidance to 34 senior level Policy Officers in Africa, Asia and Latin America recruited under the FIRST programme.

Tasks and responsibilities

- Leading the monitoring and knowledge management work of the FIRST programme in 34 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America, ensuring alignment with the corporate results framework of FAO, and supervising work to be done by the senior policy officers in terms of tracking progress and achievements in terms of policy and institutional change and reporting to FIRST stakeholders, including annual donor reporting.
 - Responsible for guiding senior policy officers recruited under FIRST in strategic planning and provide technical support in enhancing national policy frameworks for food security and nutrition and related capacity development needs.
 - Support, in close collaboration with the EU, the strategizing of the programme for the period 2018-2020, and beyond, including a shift in geographical coverage and better reflection of emerging topics of interest to both FAO and the EU.
 - Technically guide the programme's visibility work including capturing and publishing of stories of change and lessons learnt to feed global level capacity development and policy work as well as joint FAO-EU policy dialogue around structural topics.
 - Lead the coordination of, and provide technical support to the further development of the joint FAO-EU Policy Guidance Notes series, aimed at sharpening the focus of sector-specific policy instruments for food security and nutrition, as input for policy assistance under FIRST.
 - Technically support future alignment between the FAO-EU FIRST and INFORMED programmes in a selected number of countries in order to better link ongoing data generation and analysis with current policy questions in specific sectors/policy domains.
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CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in degree in social sciences, agriculture, development economics or related area;
- At least 12 years of relevant experience at international level in policy analysis and advice related to food and nutrition security, monitoring and knowledge management;
- Working knowledge of English and limited knowledge of French

FAO Core Competencies

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

Technical/Functional Skills

- Work experience in more than one location or relevant area of work;
- Extent and relevance of experience in: strengthening the enabling environment for food security and nutrition, providing policy advice, addressing cross-cutting issues in different sectors, and linking policy and data generation/analysis;
- Extent and relevance of experience in writing of policy guidance notes, project documents, donor reports, and case studies.
- Experience in results-based management and monitoring, strategic planning, programme development and proposal writing and knowledge management.
- Experience in working for UN entities.
- Experience in working with EU headquarters and country delegations.

Additional selection criteria

- Previous experience in the design, monitoring and/or implementation of food security and nutrition related policy projects and programmes
- Knowledge of FAO structure and its results-based management will be a plus

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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