



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

**CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT N°: IRC4679**

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Deadline For Application: 2 October 2017

**JOB TITLE:** Policy Support Consultant (FIRST Programme)

**TYPE OF CONTRACT:** Consultant

**DUTY STATION:** Rome, Italy

**ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:** FAO STRATEGIC PROGRAMME 1 (SP1)

**DURATION:** 11 months

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*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.**

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### **Organizational Setting:**

Food and Nutrition Security Impact, Resilience, Sustainability and Transformation (FIRST) is a FAO and 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 Policy Support Consultant works under direct supervision of the FIRST Technical Coordinator and overall supervision of the Deputy Strategic Programme Leader 1 and FIRST Manager, and in close collaboration with the Senior Food and Nutrition Security Policy and Monitoring Consultant and FIRST Management Team.

### **Technical Focus**

Supporting the implementation and further development of FIRST through contributing to the monitoring, strategic planning and knowledge management of the programme and liaising with policy officers in Africa, Asia and Latin America recruited under the FIRST programme.

### **Tasks and responsibilities**

- Provide technical support to FIRST policy officers in work planning, monitoring and reporting in selected countries, mainly in Africa and Latin America and the Caribbean;
- Provide comments and feedback to the progress reports prepared by the policy officers;
- Liaise with policy officers in a selected number of countries, facilitate linkages with relevant FAO technical divisions, and mobilize technical assistance, based on needs and specific requests;
- Draw and share lessons from the countries and ensure their wider application in SP1 and SP2;
- Contribute to the drafting of the Annual Progress Report of FIRST for EU-DEVCO;
- Integrate country-level work plans in the Strategic Programme 1 and 2 work plans;
- Support and contribute to FIRST regional workshops and global events and ensure related follow-up;
- Undertake missions and field visits in support of FIRST policy officers;
- Perform other duties as required.

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## **CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING**

### **Minimum Requirements**

- Advanced university degree in agricultural economics, development economics, international development studies, food security and nutrition related area;
- Minimum five years of relevant experience in providing support to monitoring, work planning and reporting processes, as well as data collection and analysis related to food and nutrition security and/or sustainable agriculture policy and policy processes;
- Working knowledge of English and limited knowledge of French or Spanish.

## 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 area of work, particularly in field positions is desirable.
- Extent of knowledge and experience on policy and governance issues related to food security and nutrition.
- Extent and relevance of experience in writing of project documents/donor reports and policy reports.
- Experience in monitoring, strategic planning and programme development.
- Experience in working for UN entities and with the European Union.

## Selection Criteria

- Knowledge of FAO's mandate and FAO's work at country level
- Previous experience in country-level work planning under the FAO Strategic Framework

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

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## 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](mailto: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/>

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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.

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