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Deadline For Application: 4 October 2017

JOB TITLE: Food Safety Risk Assessment Adviser

TYPE OF CONTRACT: PSA-B

DUTY STATION: Home-based, possible missions to Rome and/or Geneva

ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: FOOD SAFETY AND QUALITY UNIT, AGFF

DURATION: 5 months (30 days worked)

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

This role will support the Food Safety and Quality Unit of FAO, AGFF, and in particular its program delivering scientific advice to Codex Alimentarius. This role is expected to help provide the scientific overview and expertise necessary to provide the relevant scientific input to shape the work of the scientific advice program.

Reporting Lines

This role will report to the Senior Food Safety and Quality Officer, AGFF.

Technical Focus

This is a highly technical role for which the incumbent is expected to be able to identify, evaluate and summarize complex scientific information.

Tasks and responsibilities

The Consultant will be tasked with developing guidance, background documents and similar materials for FAO that represents a comprehensive view of the current research regarding chemical food safety risk assessment of food additives, colorants and processing aids. Applicants with knowledge of the use of enzymes as food additive are particularly encouraged to apply, however, this search is not limited to this specific topic. This work will be performed by the applicant her/himself in collaboration with other experts. The applicant is expected to bring the experience necessary to be able to serve as chair of a small task force.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in food science, chemistry or similar
- At least 10 years of relevant experience in food science, food safety risk assessment, food safety standard setting or similar
- Working knowledge of English

FAO Core Competencies

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

Technical/Functional Skills

- This role requires specialty expertise in food science and/or chemistry and an advanced university degree and at least 10 years of practical experience
- The ideal candidate will have expert knowledge and a proven track record in chemical aspects of food and food additives
- S(he) will possess an excellent knowledge of the global state of art food safety standards
- S(he) will possess an in-depth knowledge of food composition and food analysis
- Familiarity with food toxicology is highly desired

Selection Criteria

- Demonstrated track record of scientific accomplishments with relevance to food safety, food composition, food analysis
- Proven work experience with relevance to food safety, food composition, food analysis
- Hands-on experience in leading groups through standard-setting processes for food safety and quality

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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