



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

**CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT N°: IRC4813**

**Issued on:** 10 October 2017

**Deadline For Application:** 24 October 2017

**JOB TITLE:** Food Systems and Value Chains Analyst

**TYPE OF CONTRACT:** Consultant or PSA

**DUTY STATION:** Rome, Italy

**ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:** NUTRITION AND FOOD SYSTEMS DIVISION, ESN  
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, ES

**DURATION:** Up to 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**

FAO's Nutrition and Food systems Division assists Member Countries to improve diets and raise levels of nutrition, as well as support with appropriate policies, strategies and methodologies for improving the efficiency and inclusiveness of their food and agricultural systems. As a knowledge leader, areas addressed include dietary assessment, support on nutrition-sensitive food and agriculture policies and programmes, effective nutrition promotion programmes, food value chains, market linkages, post-harvest handling and agro-processing. FAO is committed to support Member States in their efforts to improve nutritional outcomes as stated in the Rome Declaration on Nutrition (November 2014) and to mainstream nutrition into FAO's strategic objectives.

### **Reporting Lines**

The Consultant/ PSA works under the overall guidance of the Director, Nutrition and Food Systems Division and direct supervision of a Senior Officer.

### **Technical Focus**

The technical focus of the work is on technical, economic and policy analysis of food systems and value chains development for improving healthy food consumption and nutritional outcomes.

### **Tasks and responsibilities**

The Consultant/ PSA will provide technical support to FAO's work on food systems and value chains development for improved nutrition, including, among others, value chains analysis, voluntary standards, territorial markets, food systems and nutrition policies, food technology.

Tasks and responsibilities will include the following:

- Assist member countries with policy, economic and technical analysis of food systems and its different components, including value chains development, market systems, institutions, regulations including voluntary standards, for identifying entry points for increasing their efficiency, inclusiveness and nutrition effectiveness.
- Assist in the development of integrated school food and nutrition programmes and other public procurement programmes including home grown school food and other social transfers and social protection programmes.
- Undertake desk-review, data collection and information gathering of relevant evidence, lessons and good practices on technical approaches and policies.
- Perform and support activities of capacity development (e.g. organizing trainings, workshops, field missions, facilitating technical networks), project implementation (e.g. supporting work planning, providing inputs for reporting, etc) and project cycle management.
- Assist FAO staff to support FAO member countries on food systems and value chain development for nutrition and provide technical assistance to member countries at field level.
- Assist in supporting resource mobilisation for country, regional and global level work.
- Perform other duties as required.

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

### **Minimum Requirements**

- Advanced university degree (for Consultants) / University degree (only for PSA) in economics, agronomics, food sciences, food technology, nutrition, natural sciences, comparative law, development and social sciences or related fields;

- A minimum of one (Level C) or five years (Level B) of relevant work experience in research, policy analysis and mainstreaming nutrition in food systems, food processing, food markets, value chains analysis, food security and nutrition, voluntary standards, market systems, institutional procurement or other agri-food development approaches;
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese, Russian (for PSA only one language may be required).

#### **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 areas of work mentioned above;
- Experience in developing countries;
- Experience in working within multi-disciplinary teams in the area of work mentioned above;
- Familiarity with UN organizations.

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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.

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