



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

**CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT N°: IRC4814**

**Issued on:** 10 October 2017

**Deadline For Application:** 24 October 2017

**JOB TITLE:** Nutrition and Food Systems Policy Specialist

**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 Countries 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 threefold: 1) mapping of food, agriculture, nutrition and social protection policies, programmes and investments relevant to food security and nutrition and monitoring and analysing their impact on dietary patterns and behaviours and nutritional outcomes; 2) facilitating and contributing to the international nutrition governance mechanisms and global policy dialogue on nutrition and food systems, in particular in the light of the United Nations Decade of Action on Nutrition 2016-2025, follow-up to the Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2) and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; 3) facilitating and supporting the processes for mainstreaming nutrition as a cross-cutting theme in FAO's Programme of Work and Budget.

### **Tasks and responsibilities**

The Consultant/ PSA will provide support to FAO's work on evidence-based policies and programmes on sustainable, resilient food systems for healthy diets and improved nutrition outcomes. Tasks and responsibilities will include the following:

- Assist with developing guidelines and resources in support of FAO's contributions to the international nutrition governance mechanisms and global policy dialogue.
- Assist in the development of approaches for food systems analysis and for monitoring the effects of food and agricultural policies and programmes on nutrition outcomes.
- Compile evidence, lessons learnt and good practices in nutrition-enhancing food and agricultural policies.
- Assist FAO and member countries to increase their capacities in nutrition-sensitive policies, programming and investments.
- Provide technical assistance to FAO member countries in food and nutrition policy and programme design, implementation and evaluation.
- Assist in supporting resource mobilisation for country, regional and global level work on food and agriculture policies for healthy diets and improved nutrition.
- 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 Human Nutrition, Agricultural Sciences, Political Sciences, Social Sciences, International Sciences, Economics or other field related to food security and nutrition;
- A minimum of one (Level C) or five years (Level B) of relevant work experience in nutrition and/or food systems;

- 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 area of work;
- Experience in analysing or mapping of food and nutrition policies, programmes or investments;
- Experience in developing or managing nutrition programme initiatives;
- Experience in writing concept notes or project proposals;
- Familiarity with advocacy at high level with policy makers and technical experts;
- Familiarity with the institutional frameworks and international governance mechanisms for food security and nutrition (e.g. UN General Assembly, UNSCN, CFS, SUN/REACH, N4G, etc.).

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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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