



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT N°: IRC4826

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Deadline For Application: 24 October 2017

JOB TITLE: Post-harvest Management, Food Loss and Waste and Urban Food Systems Specialists

TYPE OF CONTRACT: Consultant or PSA

DUTY STATION: Rome, Italy

ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: NUTRITION AND FOOD SYSTEMS DIVISION, ESN

DURATION: Up to 11 months

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, ES

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

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 post-harvest systems management, food loss and waste reduction, food processing, and urban food systems planning and development.

Tasks and responsibilities

The Consultant/ PSA will provide support to FAO's work in the area of post-harvest management for food loss reduction, as well as work to address food waste reduction and the urban food agenda. Tasks and responsibilities will include the following:

- Assist member countries with the analysis of food systems, and in developing comprehensive food systems plans/strategies, promoting the implementation of the urban food agendas and improved urban-rural linkages.
- Provide technical guidance and support to enhancing efficiency in post-harvest systems toward meeting SDG target 12.3, and contributing to the achievement of SDG 2, and other related targets of the 2030 Agenda including target SDG 11.
- Compile evidence, analyse data, draw lessons and document good practices on post-harvest systems management, reduction of food loss and waste and urban food systems.
- Assist FAO and member countries to increase their capacities to address post-harvest systems management, the reduction of food losses and waste, and the urban food systems agenda and provide technical assistance to FAO member countries.
- Assist in supporting resource mobilisation for country, regional and global level work on reduction of post-harvest losses, and the reduction of food loss and food waste.
- Perform other duties as required.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree (for Consultants) / University degree (only for PSA) in food science, food technology, agro-business, post-harvest management, natural sciences, urban/territorial development, food governance, social sciences or related field;
- A minimum of one (Level C) or five years (Level B) of relevant work experience in food processing, food system planning, and postharvest systems management;
- 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 one location or area of work, particularly in field positions is essential;
- Experience and knowledge in areas of post-harvest systems management, food loss and waste reduction, food processing, and urban food systems planning and development;
- Experience in the analysis, design, implementation and evaluation of strategies, programmes and projects related to food loss and waste reduction and to urban food systems planning and development;
- Experience in undertaking professional writing and presentations and in addressing professional meetings;
- Familiarity with SDG 12.3 and SDG 2.

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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