



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT N°: IRC4898

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Deadline For Application: 1 November 2017

JOB TITLE: Climate Change Specialist

TYPE OF CONTRACT: Consultant or PSA (base and middle level)

DUTY STATION: Rome, Italy (or other locations)

ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT DIVISION, CBC

DURATION: up to 11 months

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

The Climate and Environment Division (CBC) assists member countries in policy development, planning and response towards the challenges of climate change. This includes the promotion of adaptive capacities and climate resilience, as well as the mitigation of climate change within agricultural sectors, and support to Disaster Risk Reduction in the context of extreme climate risks and extreme events. It provides a coordination role in FAO on climate change and related issues as well as disaster risk reduction and climate risk management connected to all five of the Organization's Strategic Objectives (food security, sustainable agriculture, poverty reduction, inclusive food systems and resilient livelihoods). The Division also serves as the focal point for a multidisciplinary and global approach to bioenergy.

Reporting Lines

The Consultants will work under the overall technical supervision of the National Climate Change Action Team Leader and reports to a relevant CBC Officer or Programme Officer and/or FAO decentralized Office, as appropriate. When activities are carried out in countries, the consultant will be required to work in close collaboration with the FAO Representation in the relevant country of assignment, as well as the relevant FAO regional office.

Technical Focus

Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation (CCAM) and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) concerning the agricultural sectors.

Tasks and responsibilities

- Support the delivery of the FAO Strategy on Climate Change and FAO's Strategic Objectives as they relate to climate change;
- Support country requests concerning their national climate action, which include inter alia, their commitment with the Paris Agreement and the Transparency Framework which include greenhouse gas inventories, and adaptation and mitigation actions for NDC implementation.
- Contribute to policy and strategy development on CCAM in the agricultural sectors
- Support the development and implementation of projects related to CCAM and DRR in the agriculture sectors and its linkages to Climate Change Adaptation,
- Address agriculture matters in National Adaptation Programme of Actions (NAPAs) and National Adaptation Plans (NAPs);
- Support mainstreaming of CCAM and DRR and climate change adaptation (DRR/CCA) into agriculture and food security policies, strategies and *vice-versa*
- Contribute to work streams related to analysis of impacts of natural disasters and climate risks on agriculture and food security, DRR and adaptation good practices, and cost benefit analysis
- Assist with technical support for climate-related early warning systems, monitoring and prediction of climate risks in different timescales
- Support the development of knowledge products, learning tools, technical resources for capacity development, training manuals and reports on climate change adaptation and mitigation and disaster risk reduction in the agriculture sectors
- Conduct research to support the development of technical guidance reports, assessments, studies, tools and training modules in the area of Climate Change Adaptation, Mitigation and Disaster Risk Reduction in the agriculture sectors;
- Provide support at national level to countries upon request, including project and programme support, capacity building, workshops and trainings; Review relevant documents.
- Support resource mobilisation activities.
- Contribute to other activities related to the work of the CBC Division as may be required

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree (for Consultants) / University degree (only for PSA) in climate, agricultural or environmental sciences or a discipline relevant to the Terms of Reference;
- Working knowledge of English and limited knowledge of French, Spanish or Arabic, Chinese, Russian.

- **C-level consultant:** One to four years of relevant experience related to programming, planning and technical cooperation in the field of Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation and Disaster Risk Reduction in the agriculture sectors;
- **B-level consultant:** Five or more years of relevant experience related to programming, planning and technical cooperation in the field of Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction in the agriculture sectors.

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;
- Familiarity with global, regional and national frameworks on Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction including UNFCCC, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals;
- Extent and relevance of experience or knowledge of the complex relationship of climate change and agriculture;
- Extent and relevance of experience in the preparation of technical and policy reports, guidelines and manuals in the fields of Climate Change Adaptation and/or Mitigation and/or Disaster Risk Reduction in the agriculture sectors, and related capacity development, programme and project activities.

Selection Criteria

Candidates will be assessed against the requirements listed above.

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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