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Deadline For Application: 3 November 2017

JOB TITLE: Agribusiness & Value Chain Specialist	TYPE OF CONTRACT: Consultant or PSA.SBS
	DUTY STATION: Various
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS DIVISION (ESA)	DURATION: Up to 11 month (with possibility of extension)

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 Agricultural Development Economics Division (ESA) conducts economic research and policy analysis related to all five of the Organization's strategic objectives (food security, sustainable agriculture, poverty reduction, inclusive food systems and resilient livelihoods); ESA provides evidence-based analytical support to national, regional and global policy processes and initiatives related to food security and sustainable agriculture; and leads the production of three FAO flagship publications: *The State of Food and Agriculture*, *The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World*, and *World Agriculture Towards 2030/50*. ESA also leads large programmes at country level on agricultural policy monitoring, climate change, agribusiness and food value chains, and food security information and analysis in support of national policies.

ESA also supports member country governments in their efforts to develop and implement sound agricultural, agro-industrial and value chain strategies to fight poverty, hunger and malnutrition, while boosting the competitiveness and efficiency of the agricultural and food sub-sectors in a sustainable way. The Division works towards addressing issues related to structural and rural transformation, and agricultural and agribusiness transition in a comprehensive manner. Specifically, this area of work includes work on agribusiness development and market-driven value chain development.

FAO International Consultants and Call purpose

The Organization frequently engages experts to work on short-term activities and projects as international consultants or under personal service agreements (PSA.SBS) at various levels of experience (see minimum requirements below). International consultants or PSAs are engaged by the Organization to provide expertise, skills or knowledge for the performance of a specific task or piece of work, which is short-term by nature. The assignment may involve full-time or part-time functions, with duration ranging from 1 month up to 11 months. The possibility of extension is subject to satisfactory performance and dependant on the availability of resources and needs of the Organization. Assignments can require travel or missions/appointment to field locations.

Individuals meeting or exceeding the requirements of the Call, determined through an interview process, will be included in the ESA Divisional Roster. Experts who are registered in the Roster are available for consideration for a period of up to 48 months. ESA Division will use this roster as the primary mechanism to resource future vacancies within the technical requirements covered by the Call.

Reporting Lines

Selected applicants will work under the overall guidance of the Division Director and the direct supervision of Team Leaders/Officers, working in close collaboration with other FAO Divisions, Strategic Programmes and external partners as required. When activities are carried out in member countries, applicants 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 and/or sub-regional office.

Technical Focus

Sustainable agribusiness, value chain and food systems development.

Tasks and responsibilities

The assigned tasks and responsibilities related to this area of work can include the following:

- analyse technical and policy issues, strategies and programmes to support the development, competitiveness, inclusiveness and improved impacts of agribusiness, food systems and value chain development in developing regions;
- participate in developing and reviewing information materials, technical papers and guidelines relating to agribusiness and value chain development on topics such as agro-industrial, sub-sector and food system strategy development; business enabling environments; institutional strengthening, inclusive business models; entrepreneurship, value chain finance, market analysis, business support services, contracts and contract farming, institutional procurement, and public-private platforms and partnerships;
- assist with the appraisal of capacity building needs relating to the development, competitiveness, inclusiveness and improved impacts of agribusiness and value chain development; assist in developing training material and participate in the conduct of training courses;

- participate in the design and implementation of programmes and projects relating to agribusiness and value chain development, and the agribusiness and private sector development aspects of agricultural and rural development programmes and projects; as requested, provide technical backstopping to field projects;
- contribute to the collection and dissemination of data and information related to agribusiness, agro-industries and food systems trends, approaches and impacts, including lessons and good practices; support global learning, exchange of information through the internet and other mechanisms;
- participate in the organization and follow-up of meetings, consultations and conferences, the production of required materials and the provision of information and assistance to partners
- perform other related duties, as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

- Formal education in agri-business, business administration, economics, agricultural economics, food industries, international development studies, or a related field:
 - Consultant level B and C – advanced university degree
 - PSA.SBS – university degree
- Relevant experience in agribusiness, food systems, and/or value chain development:
 - Consultant level B (Expert) - at least 5 years of relevant experience
 - Consultant level C/PSA.SBS - at least 1 year of relevant experience
- Working knowledge of English and limited knowledge of French, Spanish, Arabic, Chinese, or Russian. In the case of PSAs, the requirement is for working knowledge in one of the FAO official languages.

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, particularly in field positions is desirable
- Extent and relevance of experience in agribusiness, food systems, and/or value chain development
- Ability to plan and organize own work, deliver results and meet deadlines
- Ability to write clear and concise technical documents
- Ability to perform well in cross-disciplinary teams
- Excellent oral and written communication skills

Please note that all candidates should adhere to *FAO Values of Commitment to FAO, Respect for All and Integrity and Transparency*.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- All applications will be reviewed and qualified applicants will be included in a pool of candidates for future assignments.
- 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/i-recruitment-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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