



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

## CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT N°: IRC4963

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Deadline For Application: 03 November 2017

**JOB TITLE:** Resilience and Livelihoods Expert

**TYPE OF CONTRACT:** International Consultant

**DUTY STATION:** Dakar – Senegal with frequent travels in the region

**ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:** Sub-regional team for Resilience - West Africa/Sahel (REOWA)

**DURATION:** 4 months (renewable)

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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.*

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**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

In 2006, the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) has opened the Sub-regional team for Resilience - West Africa/Sahel (REOWA) office in Dakar to provide strategic orientation for FAO's emergency and rehabilitation programme on the ground and to coordinate and act as liaison between the various FAO Offices and the existing humanitarian aid network in the sub region, based in Dakar. In line with FAO's Strategic Objective 5 "Increasing resilience of livelihoods to threats and crises". REOWA is strengthening the resilience of vulnerable communities' livelihoods, especially through better prevention and mitigation, improved preparedness and response to recurrent food security, nutrition and pastoral crises and promotion of information for decision and action.

The Sub-regional Resilience Team for West Africa/Sahel (REOWA) enables FAO to liaise and coordinate with the large humanitarian and resilience community based in Dakar. It also provides FAO Representation in the sub-region with Strategic support on resilience issue. REOWA covers the 15 ECOWAS countries plus Mauritania and Chad. REOWA facilitates the contribution of FAO Cameroon to the Sahel humanitarian Appeal (HRP) consolidated in Dakar

### Reporting Lines

The Resilience and Livelihoods Expert will work under the direct supervision of the REOWA team coordinator, in collaboration with the FAO's Regional Office for Africa (RAF), the country Offices, the technical divisions and partners.

### Technical Focus

The Resilience and Livelihoods Expert under the direct supervision of the Sub-regional Resilience Coordinator for West Africa/Sahel (REOWA), in close collaboration with experts in SP3 and SP5, other experts within REOWA, and technical advice of relevant technical divisions in RAF, in the FAO-HQ, will support the resilience program of REOWA.

### Tasks and responsibilities

The mandate of the Resilience and Livelihoods Expert includes all the countries of the West Africa/Sahel sub-region and, if appropriate other African regions. Its duties and responsibilities will be as follow:

- Support REOWA's activities in social protection and resilience in the sub-region including the implementation of regional projects and provision of technical support to FAO country teams when necessary ;
- Support Capitalization on resilience innovative approaches for resilience building in West Africa and the Sahel in particular "Caisses de resilience" and "CASH+" approaches;
- Support and promote the emergence of knowledge in FAO's social protection and resilience activities in the sub-region in coordination with SP3.
- Participate to internal and external (resilience task force, social protection round tables) meetings, facilitating information sharing, planning/coordinating, and monitoring the timely implementation of the decisions made;
- Support resource mobilization through contribution to response strategies, project proposals to enhance resilience of agricultural livelihoods in West Africa, especially in the context of the LCB strategy;
- Support the follow up of REOWA's key partnerships (CILSS – SNU agreement; G5 Sahel, etc.)
- Ensure that the Gender and Accountability to Affected Populations approaches are integrated in any tasks she performs;
- Execute any other task under her competencies as requested by the Head of REOWA.
- Provide advice to develop policies and strategies as well as national protocols and guide lines for projects with specific domains related to FAO's work.
- Participate to in emergency need assessments and analysis;
- Support countries with technical inputs regarding resilience, food security, social protection and agriculture for emergency response projects and programmes in accordance with the project management cycle from initiation phase to operational and financial closure;

### Specific duties

- Identifies strategic priorities for FAO's role in emergency contexts and contributes to improved preparedness for, and effective management of disasters and crises responses in the region;

- Promotes programmes enhancing resilience and creates partnerships with Governments, UN agencies, regional and inter-regional institutions;
- Contributes to, and prepare project profiles, full-fledged project documents and ad-hoc reports/articles related to FAO's resilience strategy in Africa;
- Ensures that the gender and accountability to affected populations dimensions are integrated in any tasks he/she performs;
- Prepares briefs and comprehensive reports and ensures timely dissemination of information on FAO resilience programme; promotes learning through the documentation and analysis of information and experience on enhancing resilience; facilitates the compilation of good practices in SO5 related topics for FAO and interested partners;
- Performs other duties as requested.

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## CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

### Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in agriculture, international development/humanitarian assistance, social science, or a related field/
- 5 years of relevant experience in resilience project or programme management associated with agricultural and rural development, including experience in developing countries and disaster-stricken countries
- Excellent working knowledge of both French and English.

### 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 field project operations in both emergency and development assistance in the food security, livelihoods and agriculture sector;
- Extent and relevance of experience in formulating and managing programmes that analyse and respond to complex emergencies;
- Knowledge and experience of the West African region, including political, cultural aspects and development priorities is desirable;
- Extent of experience in the formulation of project proposals and implementation monitoring;
- Extent of familiarity with the field programme of FAO or other agencies active in emergency assistance within the agricultural sector is a strong asset.

### Selection Criteria

- All candidates should possess computer/word processing skills
- Your application will be screened based on the information provided in your iRecruitment online profile (see "How to Apply"). We strongly recommend that you ensure that the information is accurate and complete including employment record, academic qualifications and language skills.
- Please note that FAO will only consider academic credentials or degrees obtained from an educational institution recognised in the IAU/UNESCO list.

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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

To apply, visit the iRecruitment website at <http://www.fao.org/employment/iemployment-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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