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Deadline For Application: 08 November 2017

JOB TITLE: Right to Food Specialist

TYPE OF CONTRACT: Consultant or PSA

Levels B and C

DUTY STATION: Various

ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: ESP/SOCIAL POLICIES AND RURAL INSTITUTIONS

DURATION: Up to 11 months on a WAE basis

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 Social Policies and Rural Institutions Division (ESP) coordinates FAO's work on social protection, gender equality, decent rural employment, rural institutions and people's empowerment, and the right to food. ESP delivers under all five of FAO's Strategic Programmes to achieve FAO's goals to eradicate hunger, malnutrition and poverty and the sustainable management of natural resources.

The Division is responsible for working with member countries and other partners through a human rights-based approach, to empower people by enhancing social protection systems and extending their coverage to rural areas, diversifying rural employment opportunities, reducing gender gaps and other social inequalities, strengthening producers' organizations and improving the rural poor's access to productive resources and financial services, and achieving the overall goal of realizing the human right to adequate food for all.

The Right to Food Team (RTF Team) is part of the ESP Division. The RTF Team drives the work of FAO related to the implementation of the Voluntary Guidelines for the progressive realization of the right to adequate food in the context of national food security and assists stakeholders and member countries providing policy guidance, technical expertise and support from a human rights-based approach at global, regional and national level on various issues related to food security and nutrition.

FAO International Consultants and Call purpose

The Organization frequently engages experts to work on short-term projects as international specialists. The functions of a specialist are results-oriented and normally involve analysing complex issues, directing seminars or training courses, preparing documents for conferences and meetings, or writing reports on matters within their area of expertise. An international specialist is engaged by the Organization to provide expertise, skills or knowledge for the performance of a specific task or piece of work, which would be short-term by nature. The assignment may involve full-time or part-time functions similar to those of staff members. The assignment can be from 1 month up to 11 months on a When-Actually-Employed (WAE) basis. The possibility of extension is subject to satisfactory performance and depending on the resources and needs of the Organization.

The purpose of this Call is to attract qualified candidates to undertake B or C consultancy positions in the area of Right to Food to populate the Divisional roster for this profile. Individuals who satisfactorily meet or exceed the requirements of the Call will be included in the divisional Roster of Right to Food Specialists. Candidates who are registered in the Roster will be considered for future contracts when relevant opportunities arise.

Reporting Lines

The Right to Food Specialist reports to the Team Leader of the Right to Food Team.

Technical Focus

The Consultant contributes to FAO's work on the right to food, supporting countries and stakeholders from a human rights-based approach in the formulation, implementation, and assessment and monitoring of policies and programmes, legal processes, institutional building and capacity development for global and regional governance of Food Security and Nutrition.

Tasks and responsibilities

Under the direct supervision of the Right to Food Team Leader, and in direct collaboration with relevant colleagues within and outside the Right to Food Team, the Right to Food Consultant will carry out the following duties:

Tasks and Responsibilities for level C

- Participates in the planning, coordination, operation and monitoring of activities under the right to food programme;
- Undertakes research related to the normative and practical aspects of the right to food;
- Supports the development of communication, sensitization, study and information materials with particular attention to specific target groups, including provision of content to website and other communication products as appropriate;

- Supports the planning and development of training activities, working groups, meetings, events and seminars on the right to food at global, regional and country level as required;
- Assists with the review and provision of quality control of documents and publications developed by the Right to Food Team;
- Any other duties as required for the smooth conduct of the work of the Right to Food Team.

Tasks and responsibilities for level B

- Supports governments and provides technical backstopping as appropriate to national policy and normative processes related to the progressive realization of the right to food promoting greater policy coherence and synergies between the right to food and national food security and nutrition issues;
- Advises on the planning, coordination, operation and monitoring of activities under the right to food programme;
- Develops and coordinates studies, policy and analytical tools informing the design, implementation and monitoring of the right to food;
- Develops communication, sensitization and information materials with particular attention to specific target groups, including provision of content to website and other communication products as appropriate;
- Plans, designs and participates in training and capacity development activities, working groups, meetings, events and seminars on the right to food at global, regional and country level as required;
- Reviews and provides quality control of documents and publications developed by the Right to Food Team;
- Promotes knowledge sharing and best practices at international meetings and conferences and collaborates with partners in stakeholder consultations;
- Participates in multi-disciplinary teams, collaborates with other departments and agencies on work groups and committees and promotes best practices on the right to food;
- Represents FAO ESP at international, regional and country level events relevant to the right to food, upon request;
- Contributes to resource mobilization and elaboration of related material;
- Any other duties as required for the smooth conduct of the work of the Right to Food Team.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in international relations studies, political science, law, social sciences or related fields.
- Five years (for Level B) and Three years (for Level C) of relevant experience in right to food work, economic-social-and-cultural human rights, food security and nutrition governance including political economy analysis.
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese, Russian.

FAO Core Competencies

- Results Focus
- Teamwork
- Communication
- Building Effective Relationships
- Knowledge Sharing and Continuous Improvement

Technical/Functional Skills [optional]

- Extent and relevance of experience in providing technical assistance in a developing country context on the implementation of the right to food.
- Extent and relevance of experience in the development of analysis and research related to economic, social and cultural human rights.
- Extent and relevance of experience in the preparation, implementation and monitoring of programme activities.
- Extent and relevance of experience in the preparation, editing and revision of documents and in organizing meetings and workshops.

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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