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Deadline For Application: 10 November 2017

**JOB TITLE:** International Policy Expert in Value Chain Support Policies

**TYPE OF CONTRACT:** Consultant

**DUTY STATION:** Home-based with visit(s) to Georgia

**ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:** FAO Representation in Georgia (FAOGE)

**DURATION:** Up to 80 working days within 11 months

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### Organizational Setting

The ENPARDII Technical Assistance to the Ministry of Agriculture of Georgia (GCP/GEO/010/EC) is a policy assistance project funded by the EU within the framework of implementation of the European Neighborhood Programme for Agriculture and Rural Development (ENPARD). The project builds upon the results of Technical Assistance to the Ministry of Agriculture of Georgia (MoA) (GCP/GEO/001/EC) Project implemented during the first phase of ENPARD and provides technical assistance to the Ministry of Agriculture by contributing to FAO's Strategic Objective 2 - Increase and improve provision of goods and services from agriculture, forestry and fisheries in a sustainable manner; Strategic Objective 3 - Reduce rural poverty; and Strategic Objective 4: Enable more inclusive and efficient agricultural and food systems. The Project also contributes to specific Country Outcomes in the following Strategic Directions: 3.2: Institutional Development, 3.4: Regional and sectorial development - value chain development, and 3.7: Climate Change, Environment and Biodiversity.

### Reporting Lines

The position is within the framework of the ENPARDII Technical Assistance to the Ministry of Agriculture of Georgia (GCP/GEO/010/EC), under the overall operational guidance and responsibility of the FAO Representative and the Assistant FAO Representative in Georgia, direct supervision of the Programme Officer, in close collaboration with the National Project Manager/Team Leader (NPM/TL) and the National Policy Advisor.

### Technical Focus

This position supports strengthening informed, effective, and efficient policy-making in relation to the Strategic Direction 3.1: Enhanced competitiveness of rural entrepreneurs and, notably, Strategic Direction 3.4: Regional and sectorial development - value chain development of the Strategy for Agricultural Development in Georgia. The primary beneficiary of the assignment will be the Department for Policy and Analytics, Department for Liaisons with the Regions and its Information Consultancy Service Centres, Department of Food and Agriculture, as well as the Agriculture Projects Management Agency (APMA) and Agriculture Cooperatives Development Agency (ACDA) of the MoA, as well as the broad farming community and its representatives.

### Tasks and responsibilities

- Help and guide the team of the Project Personnel in terms of development of methodological framework for the Value chain studies including information and data sources, timing, logistics, budget, human resources requirements and the output of specific value chain studies;
- Help and guide the team of Project Personnel in terms of reaching the relevant key international sources of qualitative and quantitative information necessary for drawing conclusions as to the global and specific competitiveness trends and patterns relevant to value chains identified;
- Participate in development of identified value chains focused on competitiveness and actionable changes that can be implemented by the private sector with the support of the government for strengthening their competitive position;
- Serve as a key reviewer to the drafts developed by the team and recommend the external peer review when and if required;
- Participate in functioning of a policy analysis/advisory mechanism relying on the relevant departmental resources of the Ministry;
- Participate in identification of policy areas related to value chains development with a potential of quick gains by means of innovative and pragmatic policy interventions;
- Support Ministry and project in implementation of the policy recommendation regarding value chain development
- Other duties as required

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## CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

### Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in agriculture/agricultural economics/economics/agribusiness, food sciences or a related field
- At least ten years of relevant practical field experience in value chain support policies, agriculture policy design and implementation
- Working knowledge of English and limited knowledge of, Arabic, Chinese, French, Spanish or Russian .

#### **FAO Core Competencies**

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

#### **Technical/Functional Skills**

- Work experience in Georgia/CIS or countries in transition
- Extent and relevance of experience in rendering policy and practical advice in the area of value chain support policies
- Familiarity with key features of important value chains of Georgian agriculture, key value chains, major opportunities, key hurdles, and development trends

#### **Selection criteria**

- Computer literacy with spreadsheets, databases and electronic programs is required
- Excellent communication (both written and oral) and presentation skills
- Knowledge of Georgian country policy context and previous experience in Georgia would be considered an asset

#### **Tangible objectives to be achieved by the Consultant, and Key Performance Indicators**

- Recommendations on to the MoA on implementation of findings of value chain analyses
- Participation in and guidance of the Project Team in value chain analyses process
- Final report on work accomplished and recommendations provided as per duties and responsibilities above

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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**

- All applications will be reviewed and qualified applicants will be contacted for interviews.
- 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)
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