



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Vacancy Announcement No: IRC6140

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Deadline For Application: 25 February 2019

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| Position Title: | Senior Natural Resources Officer (Climate Change) | Grade Level: | P-5 |
| | | Duty Station: | Italy, Rome |
| Organizational Unit: | Climate and Environment Division, CBC | Duration *: | Fixed term: one year (with possibility of extension) |
| | | Post Number: | 2007093 |
| | | CCOG Code: | 1R01 |

The length of appointment for internal FAO candidates will be established in accordance with applicable policies pertaining to the extension of appointments

**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.

The incumbent may be re-assigned to different activities and/or duty stations depending on the evolving needs of the Organization.

Organizational Setting

The Climate and Environment Division assists member countries in their responses towards the challenge of climate change, including the mitigation of climate change, as well as the development of adaptive capacities of agriculture, fisheries and forestry to the effects of climate change. It provides a coordination role on climate change and related climate smart agriculture issues. The Division also serves as the focal point for a multidisciplinary and global approach to bioenergy.

The post is located in the National Climate Change Action Team.

Reporting Lines

The Senior Natural Resources Officer reports to the Director of the Climate and Environment Division.

Technical Focus

The Senior Officer will serve as coordinator of the project 'Strengthening National Adaptation Planning capacities for Food Security and Nutrition' (GCP/GLO/921/GQC, funded by the Provincial Government of Québec) and be responsible for the planning, organization and operational management of the project.

Key Results

Leadership and technical policy expertise for the planning, development and implementation of departmental / division Programmes of work, projects, products, services in accordance with FAO Strategic Objectives.

Key Functions

- Plans, manages, or leads highly specialized or multidisciplinary teams, leads, coordinates, and/or participates in organization-wide, cross-departmental committees, project teams, and working groups, and/or provides technical leadership/secretariat services on technical networks and/or international technical policy and standard setting bodies;
- Analyzes global and country specific requirements and relevant technical issues to provide critical input into the FAO Strategic Objectives, programme of work, work plans and the supporting budgets and/or resourcing strategies;
- Implements and monitors programmes of work involving the development of the approach, evidence based strategies, and related tools, methodologies and the supporting system/database, monitoring and reporting frameworks;
- Conducts, designs and oversees research and analysis activities to support the development of technical standards, international instruments, innovation, technical reports, publications and/or ongoing programme development as well as the provision of technical and/or policy advisory services;
- Provides technical and policy advice to member countries and technical support to decentralized offices in the development and implementation of their programmes;
- Leads and/or collaborates in, provides technical backstopping to and ensures the quality/effectiveness of capacity development and knowledge sharing activities within member countries such as policy support, organizational development and individual learning events including preparation of related information, learning, online tools;
- Represents the Organization at international meetings and conferences, identifies and implements strategic partnerships, advocates best practices and increased policy dialogue and develops and negotiates effective working relationships/consensus and agreements with international and national stakeholders;
- Leads and/or participates in resource mobilization activities in accordance with the FAO corporate strategy.

Specific Functions

- Ensures overall coordination, management and technical quality of the planning and implementation, administration and reporting of the project GCP/GLO/921/GQC in collaboration with FAOs participating departments and external partners;
- Coordinates planning, financing and implementation of the country projects in Haiti and Senegal, in collaboration and coordination with other development partners to ensure proper coordination, division of labour and synergies;
- Leads networking, collaboration and with different international and national programmes, stakeholders and partners to identify needs and opportunities related agricultural adaptation in the context of food security and overall economic development;
- Engages on an ongoing basis with project counterparts in the Quebec Provincial Government, and the Quebec academic institutions partnering with FAO for this project;
- Ensures that gender aspects are included in all steps of the project;
- Provides technical and managerial guidance to HQ and national staff and experts in the country projects, interacts with international partners and national partners and stakeholders and promote information dissemination of results;
- Ensures the project GCP/GLO/921/GQC articulates with other ongoing projects, in particular those implemented by the FAO Mitigation of Climate Change in Agriculture (MICCA) and Integrating Agriculture in National Adaptation Plans (NAP) teams;
- Ensures the project is in line with FAO's strategic objectives and contributes to national and international objectives and commitments such as the Paris Agreement and Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);
- Ensures the results of the project are shared with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) communities, and other international relevant initiatives such as the Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC), the Partnership on Transparency in the Paris Agreement (PATPA) and the Global Research Alliance on Agricultural Greenhouse gases (GRA).

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in agronomy, environmental science or related field with academic and professional specialization in climate science or related field;
- Ten years of relevant experience in natural resources project management in relation with the Rio Conventions, in particular UNFCCC and UNCCD, including on mitigation/adaptations interventions in the agriculture sector such as Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Action (NAMA) and NAP;
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese, Russian.

Competencies

- Results Focus;
- Leading, Engaging and Empowering;
- Communication;
- Partnering and Advocating;
- Knowledge Sharing and Continuous Improvement;
- Strategic Thinking.

Technical/Functional Skills

- Work experience in more than one location or area of work, particularly in field positions is essential;
- Knowledge the UNFCCC processes including the Koronivia Joint Work on Agriculture and the Paris Agreement and the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC);
- Extent and relevance of experience in the preparation of technical and policy reports, guidelines and manuals and tools providing support to country in the field of climate change (adaptation and or mitigation);
- Extent and relevance of experience in science policy and science civil society interfaces;
- Working knowledge of French is considered a strong asset;
- Extent and relevance of experience in writing technical reports and scientific publications in both English and French languages on a broad range of climate change mitigation and adaptation and agriculture and food security issues is considered a strong asset;
- Extent and relevance of experience in planning and implementation of programmes related to natural resources in development organizations;
- Demonstrated scientific background in line with agriculture and climate change, at national and international levels;
- Demonstrated results-based management capabilities with an ability to manage programmes, budgets and human resources efficiently under shifting priorities;
- Demonstrated ability to mobilize additional resources;
- Extent and relevance of experience in organizing international meetings, seminars and training courses.

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 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 recognized in the IAU/UNESCO list
- Other similar positions at the same level may be filled from this vacancy notice and the endorsed candidates will be considered for the Employment Roster for a period of two years
- Candidates may be requested to provide performance assessments

REMUNERATION

A competitive compensation and benefits package is offered. For information on UN salaries, allowances and benefits, click on the following link: http://www.un.org/Depts/OHRM/salaries_allowances/salary.htm

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.

If you need help, or have queries, please contact: iRecruitment@fao.org

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