



POSITION TITLE:	Chief Technical Advisor	GRADE LEVEL:	P-4
		DUTY STATION:	Abuja, Nigeria (with possible transfer to Lomé)
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	FAO Subregional Office for West Africa (SFW)	DURATION *:	12 months
		POST CODE/N°:	unidentified
		CCOG CODE:	1E02

**Applications from qualified women as well as from qualified nationals of non-and under-represented member countries are encouraged
Persons with disabilities are equally encouraged to apply
All applications will be treated with the strictest confidence**

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the supervision of the FAO Subregional Coordinator for West Africa (SFW) and the Director of the Agriculture, Environment and Water Resources of the ECOWAS Commission, the joint technical guidance of the Chief, Policy Assistance Support Service (TCSP) and the Chief, Africa Service of the Investment Centre (TCIA), the incumbent will contribute to the accelerated implementation of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) in West Africa. In particular, the incumbent will:

- prepare an inception report and organize a workshop to update and refine project activities and work plan;
- lead the establishment and functioning of the ECOWAS Regional Agency for Agriculture and Food (RAAF) by, inter alia, assessing its capacity needs and, where needed, formulating a capacity-strengthening proposal for funding by the ECOWAS Commission and/or its development partners, and providing direct technical support to the Agency's management;
- advise in prioritizing investment areas for the ECOWAS-CAADP Regional Agriculture Investment Programme (RAIP);
- lead the review and alignment of institutional and policy frameworks for the effective functioning of the Regional Agency (RAAF);
- organize training seminars and workshops with the view to enhancing analytical skills of national and regional experts involved in the formulation of regional and national investment programmes;
- prepare detailed terms of references, as appropriate, for and provide guidance to a team and individual consultants for the formulation of regional investment programmes to operationalize the RAIP and assist in the supervision of their work;
- analyze national and regional policies aimed at creating a conducive policy environment for successful outcome of the CAADP agricultural investment programmes formulated under the project;
- lead the organization and implementation of seminars and meetings to facilitate the exchange of experiences with particular focus on policy formulation, implementation, investment planning and monitoring and evaluation processes;
- coordinate delivery of training on: (i) Sector Wide Approach (SWAP); (ii) Logical framework approach; (iii) process, procedure and methodology of public expenditure reviews; and (iv) Planning and budgeting (COSTAB);
- prepare progress reports for the donor and ECOWAS;
- perform other duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced degree in agricultural or development economics, economics, rural development, or related field
- Seven years of relevant experience in the formulation of agricultural and rural development policies and investment programmes including experience in developing countries, especially in Africa
- Working knowledge of English and French

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent and relevance of experience in formulating agricultural and rural development policies and investment programmes and projects
- Extent of experience in dealing with senior government officials, development partners and beneficiaries
- Ability to communicate clearly orally and in writing
- Familiarity with issues affecting food security and agriculture development in the ECOWAS region and Africa at large
- Willingness to travel frequently outside the duty station

Please note that all candidates should possess computer/word processing skills and should be capable of working with people of different national and cultural backgrounds.

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

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