



FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Vacancy Announcement for Consultant

Minimum number of years of relevant experience required: 1yr 5yrs 12+yrs

Job Title:	Food Composition Consultant
Division/Department:	Nutrition Division (ESN)
Programme/Project Number:	SO2
Location:	Rome, Italy
Expected Start Date of Assignment:	September 2015
Duration:	11 months

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF TASK(S) AND OBJECTIVES TO BE ACHIEVED

Background

FAO is the only UN Organization working on food composition issues. Since 1999, this programme is delivered in collaboration with INFOODS (International Network of Food Data Systems) aiming at improving the quality, availability, reliability and use of food composition data so that programmes and policies in nutrition, agriculture, food security and other sectors can be designed and implemented in the most efficient, cost-effective and targeted manner. One of the major pillars of FAO's work in this area became biodiversity and its link to nutrition-sensitive agriculture.

The purpose of this consultancy is to assist the global INFOODS coordinator at FAO Rome to develop capacities and prepare tools in order to assist countries and other bodies in increasing the quality and availability of food composition data at country, regional and international level and in fostering their uptake into programmes and policies in nutrition and agriculture. The consultant, under the supervision of the global INFOODS coordinator, will work in close collaboration with INFOODS regional data centres, academia, government organizations, and with FAO colleagues at HQs and Decentralized Offices.

The consultant will carry out the following tasks:

1. Assist in the development of a regional food composition table, update existing and develop new FAO/INFOODS databases, and update biodiversity indicators.
2. Assist in developing FAO/INFOODS guidelines and indicators.
3. Incorporate nutrition-sensitive agriculture implementation into FAO's programmes and projects.
4. Provide technical assistance to the INFOODS network and be involved in training on food composition.
5. Present food composition and biodiversity issues at international conferences and meetings.
6. Assist in mainstreaming biodiversity into policies, programmes and investment plans.
7. Participate in, and provide support to, relevant internal FAO coordination mechanisms related to biodiversity and food composition mainstreaming.
8. Assist in supporting resource mobilization for country, regional and global level work on biodiversity and food composition and their role in agriculture-nutrition linkages.
9. Assist countries and FAO colleagues in incorporating food composition and biodiversity aspects into projects and programmes with the aim to improve dietary and agricultural diversity meeting nutrient requirements of populations.
10. Assist in linking food composition to food consumption data.
11. Any other relevant tasks.

Academic Qualifications

- University diploma (Master or PhD) related to nutrition, food science or related field

Technical Competencies and Experience Requirements

- At least 1 year professional experience in food composition and/or biodiversity including compilation of data.
- Good understanding of conceptual and operational linkages between agriculture, biodiversity, food composition, food security and nutrition.
- Additional asset would be experience in food consumption data management.
- Good communication, networking and advocacy skills.
- Some project formulation and fund-raising skills.
- Good analytical and writing skills.
- Ability to work in a team.

Language requirements

- English: fluent oral and written.
- French and/or Spanish: good oral and written.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Expected Outputs:	Required Completion Date:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New and updated FAO/INFOODS databases and indicators	<i>August 2016</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• At least two concept notes for resource mobilization and/or contributions to project documents being formulated with the assistance of the consultant (at global, regional or country level).	<i>Depends on opportunities for funds</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• At least two FAO agriculture-oriented projects have included biodiversity and/or food composition aspects.	<i>Depends on opportunities for funds</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Two countries/INFOODS regional data centres are assisted to improve their food composition data.	<i>August 2016</i>

HOW TO APPLY

Interested applicants are required to create an online Personal Profile form (PPF) in iRecruitment. To create the PPF, please follow the instructions available at: <http://www.fao.org/employment/irecruitment-access/en/>

The PPF along with a cover letter should be sent via email to: ruth.charrondiere@fao.org

Please write as a subject: *Food Composition Consultancy application*

Deadline for applications: 25 August 2015

Applications received after the closing date will not be given consideration. Only short listed candidates will be contacted.