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| POSITION TITLE: | Senior Water Resources Development and Management Officer | GRADE LEVEL: | P-5 |
| ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: | Regional Office for Africa RAF | DUTY STATION: | Accra, Ghana |
| | | DURATION *: | Fixed Term: 3 years |
| | | POST CODE/N^o: | C/0124001 |
| | | CCOG CODE: | 1H01 |

Applications from qualified women as well as from qualified nationals of non-and under-represented member countries are encouraged

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the overall managerial and administrative supervision of the Assistant Director-General/Regional Representative for Africa (ADG/RR), RAF, and the functional guidance of the Director, Land and Water Division, NRL, in close cooperation with technical officers in the Regional and Sub-Regional Offices in Sub-Saharan Africa and in the Land and Water Division, to provide leadership, coordination and supervisory support for activities related to water resources development and management in the Region. Specifically, to:

- Serve as the FAO Regional focal point for all matters related to water resources development and management, covering the regional dimensions, and provide lead policy and technical support in these areas to FAO member countries in the region;
- Provide regional perspective and priorities in support to FAO's periodic planning and programming exercises and the development of FAO's strategic framework, and contribute to the implementation of the Regular Programme in the field of land and water. Support FAO's Inter-Departmental Working Groups (IDWG) and Regional and Sub-Regional Multi-Disciplinary Teams (MDT) in the development of an integrated and coherent approach to agriculture development and food security in the region;
- Lead regional efforts in the collection and regular updating of key information and data on water use in agriculture, in line with the AQUASTAT methodology, and advise relevant institutions in FAO members countries on the application, use and exchange of information and decision support systems for integrated land and water resources planning and management;
- Lead the preparation of periodic assessments, analyses of the water resources situation and sector studies on water and agriculture in order to help identify policy options and priorities for investment and capacity development in the region;
- Prepare technical and policy papers, guidelines and working documents; plan, organize and lead conferences, meetings, seminars and training courses of relevance to the region's priorities in the field of land and water development;
- Provide technical guidance and advisory support services and enhance the capacity of member countries and other stakeholders in the region for the formulation and implementation of water development and management programmes and projects;
- Supervise and coordinate knowledge networks; promote and facilitate the exchange of information and technologies between member countries in the region, and promote partnerships and cooperation between regional and national water institutions, including the promotion of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (TCDC);
- Promote effective contribution of land and water development to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in collaboration with the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) in the framework of the Comprehensive Africa Agricultural Development Programme (CAADP);
- Perform other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced university degree in irrigation engineering, water-related science or related subject matter.
- Ten years of relevant experience in water resources development and management for agriculture including extensive experience at international level.
- Working knowledge of English and French

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent and relevance of experience in water development and management for agriculture, such as irrigation and rural engineering, river basin planning, watershed management, rural development;
- Extent and relevance of experience in Sub-Saharan Africa and extent of knowledge related to natural resources management relevant to the agro-climatic and socio-economic conditions of the region;
- Extent of experience in leading multi-disciplinary missions and in the formulation and monitoring of water resources development and management programmes and projects;
- Extent of experience in organizing and leading conferences, meetings and training workshops;
- Capacity to lead and work successfully in multi-disciplinary teams;
- Oral and written communication skills, including ability to write concise reports.
- Knowledge of Portuguese will be considered an additional asset.

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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