



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

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Title	Subregional Coordinator for Mesoamerica Subregional Office for Mesoamerica, SLM
Grade	D-2
Number	2000900

Summary of Duties and Functions

Under the supervision of the Assistant Director-General/Regional Representative for Latin America and the Caribbean, and the functional guidance of departments and independent offices at headquarters, the officer carries the function of Subregional Coordinator for Mesoamerica (SLM). In the framework of FAO's Strategic Objectives and Regional Initiatives, he/she consults and coordinates with the Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean (RLC) for planning, development, implementation, monitoring and reporting for subregional activities, initiatives, priorities as well as for FAO's Strategic Objectives. The Officer also serves as FAO Representative to the host country, Panama, and to Costa Rica.

The Subregional Coordinator is FAO's focal point for addressing subregional food security, agriculture, fisheries, forestry, sustainable management of natural resources, climate change and rural development issues. In close consultation and coordination with the Regional Programme Leader and Regional Initiative coordinators, he/she heads a Subregional Multidisciplinary Team (MDT). He/she contributes to the preparation of the Country Programming Frameworks (CPFs) for the member countries of the subregion, and ensures effective collaboration with subregional economic integration and technical organizations, UN-system entities at the regional, subregional and national levels, and other subregional institutions and media. He/she provides functional guidance to FAO Representatives (FAORs) in the subregion, in their capacity as MDT members. He/she leads Subregional resource mobilization initiatives and leads the implementation of FAO's communication strategy in the subregion.

In particular, he/she will:

- In close consultation and coordination with the Regional Programme Leader and Regional Initiative coordinators, lead the MDT in the Subregional Office (SRO) in serving as the first port of call for the countries in the subregion in providing technical support, relevant policy advice and necessary guidance;
- Develop and maintain regular contacts, partnership and policy dialogue with subregional organizations, stakeholders, civil society and private sector representatives;
- Support FAO's collaboration with member countries and institutional partners in the subregion, in accordance with agreed priorities, approved programme/work plan/budgets, Strategic Objectives and corporate policies;
- Advise and collaborate with RLC and internal partners to raise awareness of subregional priorities and needs, and ensure that they are reflected in corporate and regional policies;
- In the countries of the subregion where there is no FAO Representative accredited, develop and maintain regular contacts and partnership with relevant government counterparts;
- Support the subregional policy dialogue on food security, agriculture, fisheries, forestry, sustainable management of natural resources, climate change and rural development issues, support related capacity building and resource mobilization efforts, and facilitate subregional partnerships;
- Support the food security, agriculture, fisheries, forestry, sustainable management of natural resources, climate change and rural development aspects of aid coordination and joint UN strategy, as well as programme development at subregional level;
- Lead the contribution of the SRO and its MDT to FAO's programme and budget process;

- In close consultation and coordination with the Regional Programme Leader and Regional Initiative coordinators, lead the MDT in developing and implementing the Field Programme in support of subregional organizations and of countries in the subregion;
- Monitor and report on the implementation of FAO's subregional programmes and projects;
- Manage and administer the Organization's resources and staff allocated to the Subregional Office and to those Country Offices that are under his/her responsibility in line with corporate policies and administrative procedures;
- Lead subregional mobilization of extrabudgetary resources, making maximum use of the expertise available in the Decentralized Offices;
- Lead the implementation of FAO's communication strategy in the subregion;
- Promote the sharing and exchange of knowledge and best practices on food security, agriculture, fisheries, forestry and rural development between countries and subregions;
- Be FAO's prime focal point for the UN and other international entities' Regional Offices based in Panama and support the Regional Representative on UN coordination and transformation matters as required;
- As FAOR he/she will manage the FAO Country Office and represent FAO in his/her country(ies) of accreditation, maintaining relations with the host government and other development partners;
- As FAOR he/she will lead FAO's response to national priorities as established in the Country Programming Framework (CPF) in line with FAO's Strategic Framework, and will be accountable for the effective delivery of FAO's country programme.

General Requirements

- Advanced university degree in a technical area related to the activities of the Organization;
- Extensive managerial and professional experience in fields related to the mandate of FAO.
- Demonstrated professional competence, proven leadership capability and effective management skills;
- Ability to lead and work effectively with a diverse team of people of different national and cultural backgrounds in an international setting;
- Working knowledge of English and Spanish. Knowledge of additional languages of the Organization (i.e. Arabic, Chinese, French or Russian) would be an asset.

Leadership Competencies

Results focus: Takes accountability for the delivery of agreed results in service of FAO's Strategic Framework - **Leading, engaging and empowering others:** Coordinates, directs, facilitates and recognizes team efforts; creates an enabling environment and assists others to realize and develop their potential - **Communication:** Encourages and contributes to clear and open communication - **Partnering and Advocating:** Promotes ideas and develops partnerships to advance the Organization's work - **Knowledge sharing and continuous improvement:** Continually seeks to improve the knowledge, skills and work processes of oneself and others - **Strategic thinking:** Makes informed and coherent decisions aligned with broader goals and strategies.

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

Remuneration

FAO adheres to the UN common system of salaries, allowances and benefits. General information regarding salaries and allowances can be found at the International Civil Service Commission Web site: http://www.un.org/Depts/OHRM/salaries_allowances/salary.htm

How to Apply

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