



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

## Vacancy Announcement No.: IRC5762

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Deadline For Application: **8 October 2018**

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<b>Position Title:</b>	Nutrition And Food Systems Officer (Food Losses And Waste)	<b>Grade Level:</b>	P-4
<b>Organizational Unit:</b>	Nutrition and Food Systems Division, ESN	<b>Duty Station:</b>	Italy, Rome
		<b>Duration *:</b>	Fixed term: 2 years with possibility of extension
		<b>Post Number:</b>	0066583
		<b>CCOG Code:</b>	1L09

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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.**
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### Organizational Setting

FAO's Nutrition and Food Systems Division assists Member Countries to improve diets and raise levels of nutrition and provides support with appropriate policies, strategies and methodologies for improving the efficiency and inclusiveness of their food and agricultural systems. As a knowledge leader, areas addressed include dietary assessment, support on nutrition-sensitive food and agriculture policies and programmes, effective nutrition promotion programmes, food value chains, market linkages, post-harvest handling, food loss and waste reduction and agro-processing. FAO is committed to support Member States in their efforts to improve nutritional outcomes as stated in the Rome Declaration on Nutrition (November 2014) and to mainstream nutrition into FAO's strategic objectives.

### Reporting Lines

The Nutrition and Food Systems Officer works under the overall guidance of the Director, Nutrition and Food Systems Division and direct supervision of the Senior Nutrition and Food Systems Officer.

### Technical Focus

Support to and participation in work programmes related to the reduction of food losses and food waste and specifically to addressing food loss analysis, post-harvest systems management. Strengthen food systems, through technical, economic, social and policy support targeted to the development of micro, small and medium agro-industry, post-harvest systems management and food loss and waste reduction.

### Key Results

Comprehensive technical, statistical, analytical and/or policy analysis services and the development of specialized tools, methodologies, systems and/or databases to support the planning, implementation/delivery and monitoring of the programme of work and related products, projects, publications, and services.

### Key Functions

- Plans and leads components of multi-disciplinary teams and short term work groups, leads and/or participates on Division/Departmental teams, participates on Organization-wide committees, project teams, and working groups and provides specialized expertise on international technical networks and or technical policy and standard setting bodies.
- Develops technical, statistical, analytical, monitoring and reporting frameworks, and related tools, methodologies, systems and databases etc. to support the planning, implementation/delivery and monitoring of the programmes of work, products, projects, and services.
- Designs and conducts research, data collection, validation, analysis and/or reporting activities to support the development of technical standards, international instruments, innovative tools and methodologies, flagship publications/technical reports and/or policy proposals as well as the provision of technical specialist and/or policy advice and expertise.
- Responds to requests and provides technical/policy advice, assistance and solutions to Regional, Sub-Regional, and Country Offices and provides technical backstopping to field projects.
- Promotes international cooperation and collaboration, advocates best practices and increased policy dialogue and

- provides technical expertise at international meetings and conferences.
- Collaborates in capacity development activities involving knowledge sharing, the organization of training workshops, seminars, and meetings as well as the development of related materials and on-line tools and information kits.
- Participates in resource mobilization activities in accordance with Corporate strategy and Departmental plans.

### **Specific Functions**

- Contributes to work on micro, small and medium scale agro-industry development; post-harvest systems management and food loss and waste reduction, toward improving food security, income generation and nutrition in member countries, drawing on corporate and international good practices, frameworks and knowledge.
- Develops normative products on food loss and food waste reduction as well as communication products designed to enhance global knowledge and understanding about the issues.
- Contributes to the design and implementation of activities, programmes and projects related to the reduction of post-harvest loss and food waste reduction, including technical support and capacity building geared toward strengthening local, national and regional food systems.
- Prepares evidence-based analyses on technical, behavioural and economic issues of relevance to food losses and food waste.
- Contributes to the analysis and understanding of policy, institutional and technical causes and solutions to food losses and food waste and their implications for nutrition, systematizing, publishing and disseminating this knowledge and contributing to efforts to improve associated data and statistics.
- Designs strategies and programmes geared toward enhancing the capacity and competitiveness of micro-, small and medium agro-enterprises.
- Participates in international meetings as well as regional and national workshops.
- Performs other duties as required.

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### **CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING**

#### **Minimum Requirements**

- Advanced University degree in food science, food technology, post-harvest management, food engineering or a closely related subject.
- Seven years of relevant experience in agro-industry and/or post-harvest management or practical work experience on reducing food losses and food waste under tropical/sub-tropical conditions with specialized experience in at least two of the following areas: post-harvest systems management, value addition, food product development, food quality and safety management,
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese, Russian

#### **Competencies**

- Results Focus
- Teamwork
- Communication
- Building effective relationships
- Knowledge Sharing and Continuous Improvement

#### **Technical/Functional Skills**

- Work experience in more than one location or area of work, particularly in field positions is essential.
- Demonstrated skills in the analysis of technical issues for policy development on local, national and regional food systems.
- Extent and relevance of experience in the planning and implementation of programmes related to food loss and waste reduction; post-harvest systems management and small and medium-scale agro-industry in development organizations.
- Extent and relevance of experience in organizing international meetings, seminars and training courses.
- Ability to write clearly and concisely, edit technical papers for publication and deliver effective oral presentations.
- Ability to mobilize resources

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

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#### **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 recognised in the IAU/UNESCO list
- Candidates endorsed in the selection process for this vacancy announcement will be considered for the FAO Professional Employment Roster for a period of two years. The Roster is used to fill other similar positions at the same or lower grade, and in the same or another duty station
- Candidates may be requested to provide performance assessments

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#### **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](mailto:iRecruitment@fao.org)

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