



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

PROFESSIONAL VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT N°: RAP-885-13-PRJ

Issued on: **24 April 2013**

Deadline For Application: **15 May 2013**

POSITION TITLE:	Regional Coordinator (Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-4
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (RAP)	DUTY STATION:	Bangkok, Thailand
		DURATION *:	1 Year renewable
		POST CODE/N°:	unidentified
		CCOG CODE:	1.M.02

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. The incumbent may be re-assigned to different activities and/or duty stations depending on the evolving needs of the Organization.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the overall supervision of the FAO Assistant Director-General & Regional Representative for Asia & the Pacific and the technical supervision of the Senior Statistician, the incumbent will lead the Regional Office for the Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics and lead the Secretariat for the Regional Steering Committee (RSC), in the implementation of the Regional Action Plan (RAP). The incumbent will also contribute to strengthening partnership and knowledge networks within and outside the Organization, supporting country-level actions guided by FAO's country programming Framework (CPF) as well as increasing South-South and triangular cooperation. In particular the incumbent will:

- oversee the implementation of the Regional Action Plan (RAP), and organise consultative meetings, seminars and workshops;
- oversee the management, administration, implementation and monitoring of the global strategy activities of the Regional Office, including preparation of annual work plans and budgets, in accordance with guidelines provided by the Global Office (GO);
- oversee the management of funds and their allocation to the Regional Action Plan (RAP) activities and Participating Partners, such as ESCAP (UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific) and ADB (Asian Development Bank);
- keep Participating Partners (PPs) and countries informed on the status of implementation of activities by the Regional Office;
- ensure provision of Secretariat services to the meetings of the RSC (Regional Steering Committee) and preparation of regular progress reports and other reports to the Global Office;
- oversee the revision and/or updating of country assessments and maintenance of country profiles;
- coordinate the preparation of country assessment missions and reports, according to the Global Office guidelines, and coordinate the implementation of Regional Action Plan activities with the Global Office;
- Undertake identification and recruitment of staff and consultants, coordinate their work and oversee the administration of contracts with external partners for outsourced work;
- prepare advocacy and communication strategy for the Regional Action Plan and technical reports, articles, working papers, books and documents related to the Regional Action Plan activities;
- contribute to the planning and management of the Regional Office's statistics work programme in Asia-Pacific;
- perform other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced University degree in Statistics, Economics, Agro-economy or related
- Seven years progressive experience in planning, management and implementation of statistical capacity development programmes, preferably in the region
- Working knowledge of English and limited knowledge of Chinese or French

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent and relevance of experience in planning, management and implementation of statistical capacity development programmes
- Experience in Agricultural surveys and national agricultural systems
- Familiarity with FAO and the Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics
- Quality of oral and written communication skills in English
- Extent of experience in leading and supervising multicultural teams and delivering a results-based program of work
- Extent and relevance of academic qualifications

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**

REMUNERATION

A competitive compensation and benefits package is offered. For information on UN salaries, allowances and benefits, click on the following link: <http://icsc.un.org/>

For guidelines to applicants, please visit the Application Toolkit at: <http://www.fao.org/employment/current-vacancies/project/en/>

Send your application to:

V.A RAP-885-13-PRJ
Economic, Social and Policy Assistance Group
FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific
Fax No: +662 697 4445
E-mail: VA-RAP-885-13-PRJ@fao.org

Please note that FAO staff members are international civil servants subject to the authority of the Director-General and may be assigned to any activities or office of the organization.

FAO IS A NON-SMOKING ENVIRONMENT