



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT N°: IRC4266

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Deadline For Application: 4 July 2017

JOB TITLE: Consultant (Policy Expert)

TYPE OF CONTRACT: Personal Services Agreement

DUTY STATION: Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago

ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: FAO REPRESENTATION IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

DURATION: 6 months

FAO seeks gender, geographical and linguistic diversity in its staff and international consultants in order to best serve FAO Members in all regions.

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.

Organizational Setting

The main aim of the FAO country offices, which are headed by a FAO Representative, is to assist governments to develop policies, programmes and projects to achieve food security and to reduce hunger and malnutrition, to help develop the agricultural, fisheries and forestry sectors, and to use their environmental and natural resources in a sustainable manner.

The consultancy will be carried out in the FAO Representation in Trinidad and Tobago.

Reporting Lines

The consultant will report to the Senior Policy Officer.

Technical Focus

Provides intellectual leadership, guidance and operational support for results-based policy assistance and governance work of decentralized offices in the Region in relation to regional and sub-regional policy issues, and provides guidance to the work of policy officers posted at country level in relation to their work on food security, nutrition and sustainable agricultural development.

Tasks and responsibilities

Under the overall supervision of the Sub-Regional Coordinator for the Caribbean, direct supervision of the Senior Policy Officer, the Policy Consultant will perform the following duties,

- Provides support to the work carried out by technical or policy officers from HQ or out-posted staff in the Decentralized Offices in relation to policy and governance work under FAO's strategic framework;
- Advocates strategic partnership, best practices and policy dialogue in support of enhanced governance for food and nutrition security, sustainable agriculture and food systems;
- Participates in specialized or multi-disciplinary teams, and high-level policy analysis missions or projects, policy networks and/or international policy setting bodies;
- Interacts with UN Regional and Country teams to improve cross-sectorial policies and strategies concerning food and nutrition security and sustainable development;
- Provides support to the analysis by the sub regional and country-level issues to provide input into the identification of country and regional priorities and requirement;
- Implements and monitors sub-regional policy work programmes and the supporting budgets and/or resourcing strategies;
- Plans, organizes and participates in capacity development activities involving the provision of policy advice and assistance, and oversees the development of related materials, on-line tools and information kits.
- Performs other related duties as required

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in political sciences, agricultural economics, development economics, rural sociology, food security, nutrition, sustainable agriculture (including livestock, forestry and fisheries), or related field
- Two to four years of relevant experience in policy advice and public analysis relating to food and nutrition security, agriculture and rural development, monitoring and evaluation of policies and programmes
- Working knowledge of English and limited knowledge of one of the French or Spanish

Competencies

- Results Focus
- Teamwork
- Communication
- Building Effective Relationships
- Knowledge Sharing and Continuous Improvement

Technical/Functional Skills

- Relevance and extent of experience in policy analysis and advise relating to food and nutrition security, sustainable agriculture, and rural development
- Relevance and extent of experience in working with inter-governmental bodies and multi-disciplinary teams

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- All applications will be reviewed and qualified applicants will be contacted for interviews.
- FAO does not charge a fee at any stage of the recruitment process (application, interview meeting, processing).
- Incomplete applications will not be considered. If you need help, or have queries, please contact: iRecruitment@fao.org
- Applications received after the closing date will not be accepted.
- Only language proficiency certificates from UN accredited external providers and/or FAO language official examinations (LPE, ILE, LRT) will be accepted as proof of the level of knowledge of languages indicated in the online applications.
- For other issues, visit the FAO employment website: <http://www.fao.org/employment/home/en/>

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.

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