



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

PROFESSIONAL VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT N°:

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Deadline For Application:

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| POSITION TITLE: | Associate Professional officer (Agro-Industry and Food Technology) | GRADE LEVEL: | P-2 |
| | | DUTY STATION: | Budapest, Hungary |
| ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: | Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia, REU | DURATION*: | Fixed-term: 1 year with possibility of extension |
| | | POST NUMBER: | |
| | | CCOG CODE: | 1H01 |

* 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.

Organizational Setting

The Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia (REU) is responsible for leading FAO's response to regional priorities for food security, agriculture and rural development through the identification, planning and implementation of FAO's priority activities in the region. It ensures a multidisciplinary approach to programmes, identifies priority areas of action for the Organization in the Region and, in collaboration with departments and divisions at Headquarters, develops, promotes and oversees FAO's strategic response to regional priorities. REU also advises on the incorporation of regional priorities into the Organization's Programme of Work and Budget and implements approved programmes and projects in the region, monitors the level of programme implementation and draws attention to problems and deficiencies. REU develops and maintains relations with region-wide institutions including the Regional Economic Integration Organizations (REIOs).

The Regional Office supports regional policy dialogue on food security, agriculture and rural development issues, facilitates the emergence of regional partnerships, and supports capacity development and resource mobilization for food security, agriculture and rural development in the region.

Reporting Lines

The Associate Professional officer (Agro-Industry and Food Technology) reports to the Senior Officer

Technical Focus

Agrifood value chains, agro-industries and SME performance through the provision of technical assistance.

Key Results

Collection and analysis of information, data and statistics and project / meeting services to support programme projects, products and services

Key Functions

- Collects and analyzes relevant technical, social, economic, environmental, institutional and technology related information, data and/or statistics to support the delivery of programme projects, products and services;
- Undertakes analysis, provides technical input for plans and reports and edits/revises technical/scientific documents;
- Participates in the development of improved work methods, tools and systems;
- Updates databases and web pages;
- Participates on multi-disciplinary project/work teams;
- Collaborates in the development of training tools and materials and the organization of workshops/seminars, etc.;
- Participates in the organization, conduct and follow-up of meetings, consultations and conferences, the development/production of required materials and the provision of information and assistance to partners.

Specific Functions

- Supports evidence-based analyses of the post-harvest and agro-industry structure of agrifood value chains and related services and institutions, including the efficiency of the technology and operations, application of quality management and reduction of food losses.
- Contributes to activities, programmes and projects relating to agro-industry and value chain analysis and development, including technical support and capacity building for food quality and safety, food storage and cold chains, food processing, food packaging.
- Contributes to the development and implementation of an EECA Regional Strategy for Food Loss and Waste Reduction, including the following components:
- Assesses tools and methodologies for food loss and waste analysis, conducts assessment and measurement at national

level.

- Contributes to Regional Communication and Awareness Raising on Food Loss and Waste Reduction.
- Contributes to Regional Collaboration and Partnership on Food Loss and Waste Reduction.
- Researches the impacts and causes of food loss and waste, and solutions to reduce FLW which are feasible and cost-effective in a technical, economic, social and environmental context

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in food science, food technology ,agriculture - crop protection, plant sciences or related field
- Three years of relevant experience in agro industry research, crop protection or pesticide 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 desirable
- Extent and relevance of experience in collecting and analysing technical information and data
- Extent and relevance of knowledge and experience in technologies for food preservation and processing, quality management systems in the food sector.
- Extent and relevance of experience in the preparation, editing and revision of technical/scientific documents and in organizing meetings and workshops
- Extent and relevance of experience in developing training tools and information materials
- Conversant with the integrated value chain approach.
- Knowledge of Russian language will be considered as an asset.

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

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.
- Other similar positions at the same level may be filled from this vacancy notice and the endorsed candidates will be considered for the Employment Roster for a period of 2 years.
- Candidates may be requested to provide performance assessments.

REMUNERATION

A competitive compensation and benefits package is offered. For information on UN salaries, allowances and benefits, click on the following link: http://www.un.org/Depts/OHRM/salaries_allowances/salary.htm

HOW TO APPLY

To apply, visit the iRecruitment website at <http://www.fao.org/employment/iemployment-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

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