



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Vacancy Announcement No:

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Deadline For Application:

Position Title:	Junior Professional Officer (Water Scarcity and Resilient Agriculture Systems)	Grade Level:	P-2
Organizational Unit:	Land and Water Division (NSL)	Duty Station:	Rome, Italy
		Duration *:	Fixed-term, 2 years with possibility of extension
		Post Number:	
		CCOG Code:	

*The length of appointment for internal FAO candidates will be established in accordance with applicable policies pertaining to the extension of appointments

- FAO is committed to achieving workforce diversity in terms of gender, nationality, background and culture
- Qualified female applicants, qualified nationals of non-and under-represented Members and persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply
- Everyone who works for FAO is required to adhere to the highest standards of integrity and professional conduct, and to uphold FAO's values
- FAO, as a Specialized Agency of the United Nations, has a zero-tolerance policy for conduct that is incompatible with its status, objectives and mandate, including sexual exploitation and abuse, sexual harassment, abuse of authority and discrimination
- All selected candidates will undergo rigorous reference and background checks
- All applications will be treated with the strictest confidentiality
- FAO staff are subject to the authority of the Director-General, who may assign them to any of the activities or offices of the Organization.

Organizational Setting

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) contributes to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda through the FAO Strategic Framework by supporting the transformation to MORE efficient, inclusive, resilient and sustainable agrifood systems, *for better production, better nutrition, a better environment, and a better life*, leaving no one behind.

The Land and Water Division (NSL) aims at enhancing the agricultural productivity and advancing the sustainable use of land and water resources through their improved tenure, management, development and conservation. It addresses the challenges Member Nations face in ensuring productive and efficient use of land and water resources in order to meet present and future demands for agricultural products, while ensuring the long-term sustainability of the land and water quantity and quality. It promotes equitable access to these natural resources with a view to enhancing productivity, livelihoods and ecosystem services. It provides assistance to Member Nations in developing policies, programmes, best practices and tools in the fields of irrigation and drainage, soil conservation, drought mitigation, water rights, access to natural resources and improvement of land markets.

Reporting Lines

The Junior Professional Officer (Water Scarcity and Resilient Agriculture Systems) reports to the Director, Land and Water Division and to the Senior Land and Water Officer coordinating the Global Framework on Water Scarcity in Agriculture (WASAG) and the Value Adding Impact Area (VAIA): Addressing Water Scarcity in Agriculture and environment (AWSAME)

The post is located in the Global Framework on Water Scarcity in Agriculture (WASAG) at FAO headquarters in Rome, Italy.

Technical Focus

The Junior Professional Officer (Water Scarcity and Resilient Agriculture Systems) assists with the development and implementation of programmes and activities related to the adaptation of agriculture to water scarcity, using context specific approaches and processes tailored to specific circumstances and needs, including support to the formulation of transformational projects.

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 analyses relevant technical, social, economic, environmental, institutional and technology related information, data and/or statistics to support the delivery of programme projects as well as 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 in multidisciplinary 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

- Contributes to strengthen governments' and stakeholders' capacities to identify options to cope with water scarcity in agriculture in the context of climate change and to take appropriate actions through policy and strategy, advocacy, capacity development and project interventions and to reinforce the resilience of food systems from a perspective of soils, land and water management, including approaches such as saline agriculture or drought resilient crops;
- Collaborates with different partners contributing with their respective expertise in the development of innovative solutions to transform water scarcity into opportunities for sustainable management of natural resources, food security and nutrition, and income generation;
- Assists in communicating to governments, partners and communities the new approaches relevant to the resilient food systems from a soils, land and water management perspective;
- Supports the mobilization of resources for increasing the scope of work and outreach of the team in support of country needs for adopted such new food systems transformation approaches;
- Promotes the development and use of relevant methods, indicators and tools to support the contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals;
- Performs other duties as required.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in relevant area such as agriculture, natural resources management, marine biology, fishery science or aquaculture, agriculture water management, ocean science, economics, environmental studies, climate change, food and nutrition, food technology, veterinary sciences, gender policy, maritime law, food law, international law, trade law, rural development, anthropology, statistics, or related fields.
- Three years of relevant experience, including research or management of integrated natural resources management of land, soils and water, preferably in the context of climate change.
- Working knowledge (proficient – level C) of English and limited knowledge (intermediate – level B) of another FAO official language (Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian or Spanish).

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 analyzing technical information and data
- Extent and relevance of knowledge and experience in related fields such as fisheries and aquaculture management, blue economy, policy advice and analysis, food and nutrition security, food systems, fisheries and aquaculture
- 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 establishing and maintaining partnerships with UN agencies, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) as well as donors and government institutions and agencies
- Working knowledge (proficient – level C) of another FAO language would be an asset.

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