



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Vacancy Announcement No:

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Deadline For Application:

Position Title:	Junior Professional Officer (Science and Innovation)	Grade Level:	P-2
Organizational Unit:	Chief Scientist Office (DDCC)	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 Chief Scientist Stream is the driver to leverage science and innovation in FAO and aims to enable the Organization to reinforce its position as a source of reliable scientific information and a neutral platform at the heart of important discussions. The Office of the Chief Scientist (DDCC) strengthens dialogue on science, including by developing knowledge and expertise and brings to bear the foremost science-based evidence on cross-sectoral, multidisciplinary priority issues related to agrifood systems at the global level.

Reporting Lines

The Junior Professional Officer (Science and Innovation) reports to the Special Adviser, Office of the Chief Scientist (DDCC).

The post is located at FAO headquarters, Rome, Italy

Technical Focus

The Junior Professional Officer (Science and Innovation) assists with the development and implementation of programmes and activities related to science, technology and innovation (STI) for agrifood systems, including in the context of implementing FAO's Strategic Framework 2022-31 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

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

- Supports the review and analysis of documents on agrifood systems technologies and innovations;
- Liaises with relevant Centres/Divisions/Offices to collect relevant technical inputs related to STI opportunities and issues;
- Supports the monitoring and reporting on the implementation of the FAO Strategic Framework 2022-31 and Medium-Term Plan 2021-25;

- Supports global, regional and country-level STI initiatives, including assistance in assessments of gaps, opportunities and scale-up solutions in support of FAO's priorities;
- Supports mobilization of resources through assisting in development of proposals, concept notes and project documents, coordinating with internal procedures and stakeholders;
- Contributes to the dissemination of FAO messaging on priority areas related to STI in appropriate fora to inform intergovernmental and interagency policymaking and decisions;
- Supports the formulation and coordinates the implementation of Letters of Agreement (LoA) or purchase orders (PO) by service providers as established in project documents;
- Supports knowledge generation by drafting articles, statements, briefing notes, talking points and key messages for the Office of the Chief Scientist;
- Performs other duties as required.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in relevant area such as agriculture, environmental studies, climate change, food and nutrition, development studies, innovation, food technology, veterinary sciences, gender policy, rural development, or related fields.
- Three years of relevant experience in agrifood system STI, monitoring and evaluation of policies and programmes.
- 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
- Awareness of global, regional and country-level STI initiatives
- Extent and relevance of experience in the preparation, editing and revision of technical/scientific documents and in organizing meetings and workshops
- Demonstrated organization, research, presentation and writing skills
- 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*.
