



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Vacancy Announcement No:

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Deadline For Application:

Position Title:	Junior Professional Officer (Food Loss and Waste)	Grade Level:	P-2
Organizational Unit:		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 Food Systems and Food Safety Division (ESF) provides strategic leadership for the Organization's support to Members in the development of more sustainable agri-food systems. Working in close coordination with other technical units and Decentralized Offices, the Division is tasked with integrating FAO's scientific and economic analysis to provide improved policy guidance and targeted investment in agri-food systems. Bringing FAO's experience and capacities in strengthening food safety and quality control with its technical support to Members in the areas of value chain development and investment, agroindustry and agribusiness enterprise development, the Division integrates and extends agri-food systems support across the Organization.

Reporting Lines

The Junior Professional Officer (Food Loss and Waste) reports to the Deputy Director, Food Systems and Food Safety Division (ESF).

The post is located in ESF at FAO headquarters in Rome, Italy.

Technical Focus

The Junior Professional Officer (Food Loss and Waste) assists with the development and implementation of programmes and activities related to food loss and waste reduction.

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 the design and implementation of global, regional and national activities, programmes and projects related to food loss and waste reduction;
- Contributes to the development of advocacy and normative products, and to the drafting of information and awareness raising materials on food loss and waste reduction in sustainable agrifood systems;

- Supports the conduction of assessments and research to provide evidence for food loss and waste reduction to achieve sustainable agrifood systems;
- Supports the maintenance of partnerships, and develops and sustains liaison with key professionals from Governments, development agencies, academic and research institutions, the private sector and other stakeholders engaged in work on food loss and waste reduction and development of sustainable agrifood systems;
- Participates in capacity building and training activities geared toward reducing food loss and waste, and undertakes field missions to Member Nations to support these activities;
- Assists responding to non-complex technical enquiries and needs expressed by Member Nations related to addressing food losses and waste;
- Supports fund raising activities through networking, proposal and concept development (as necessary) for food loss interventions;
- Performs other duties as required.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in food technology/science, agro-food engineering, economics, agribusiness or a related field.
- Three years of relevant experience working in the area of food loss and waste reduction, agrifood value addition or a closely related field.
- 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

- Extent and relevance of experience in collecting and analysing technical information and data
- Extent and relevance of knowledge and experience in related fields such as food quality and safety, policy advice and analysis, food and nutrition security, food systems, value chain development, climate change
- 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*.
