



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Vacancy Announcement No:

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Deadline For Application:

Position Title:	Junior Professional Officer (South-South and Triangular Cooperation)	Grade Level:	P-2
		Duty Station:	Panama City, Panama
Organizational Unit:	Subregional Office for Mesoamerica, SLM	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 Subregional Office for Mesoamerica (SLM) plays an articulating role with the FAO National Representations in the Subregion (10 countries), coordinating the implementation of regional projects and providing technical support to the Governments and the institutions and organizations of the Central American Integration System (SICA) to contribute directly to Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 1 (end of poverty), SDG 2 (zero hunger) and SDG 10 (reduction of inequalities) and to generally support the fulfillment of the 2030 Agenda.

SLM develops and maintains alliances and relationships with institutions in the subregion, supports subregional political dialogue on food security, agriculture and rural development, facilitates the emergence and/or consolidation of subregional alliances, supports capacity development and resource mobilization, including South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTC), for food security, agriculture and rural development.

The post is located in the Subregional Office for Mesoamerica and based in Panama City, Panama.

Reporting Lines

The Junior Professional Officer (South-South and Triangular Cooperation) reports to the Subregional Coordinator for Mesoamerica.

Technical Focus

The Junior Professional Officer (South-South and Triangular Cooperation) assists with the development and implementation of programmes and activities related to South-South and Triangular Cooperation.

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 identification, formulation and monitoring and evaluation of SSTC projects;
- Supports the preparation of project documents, according to FAO formats and/or potential resource partners, by groups of countries and/or the subregion;
- Assists in carrying out monitoring and follow-up of the assigned projects and initiatives, and the SSTC portfolio of the subregion;
- Supports the systematization and processing of information related to the formulation and/or execution of projects;
- Supports the preparation of progress reports to SSTC partners, resource partners, as well as the annual and final reports assigned;
- Supports the technical secretary in monitoring meetings related to the project cycle, supporting the correct compliance with the commitments established in the meetings;
- Supports the preparation and/or implementation of training and awareness processes such as forums, events, training and workshops, guaranteeing the inclusion of the gender approach and rights approach;
- Assists the planning, monitoring and evaluation meetings of the subregional team;
- Supports missions to countries according to the work plan and identified needs;
- Performs any other activities as necessary in support of the role of the Subregional Office.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in relevant area such as marine biology, fishery science or aquaculture, 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, international cooperation, public policy or related fields.
- Three years of relevant experience, including research or management of fisheries, policy development or implementation, food trade and markets, food safety and quality, field of statistics and data management of fisheries, monitoring and evaluation of policies and programmes; international cooperation.
- Working knowledge (proficient – level C) of Spanish and limited knowledge (intermediate – level B) of English.

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 in Central America or Latin America and the Caribbean countries, is desirable.
- 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 fisheries and aquaculture management, blue economy, policy advice and analysis, food and nutrition security, food systems, fisheries and aquaculture, international cooperation.
- 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 (NGs) 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*.
