

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

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POSITION TITLE: Junior Professional Officer (Family

Farming)

ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: Regional Office for Latin America and the

Caribbean, RLC

GRADE LEVEL:

DUTY STATION: Santiago, Chile

DURATION *: Fixed Term: 2 years

POST CODE/N°: unidentified CCOG CODE: 1.H.01

Applications from qualified women as well as from qualified nationals of non-and under-represented member countries are encouraged

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

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the general guidance of the Assistant Director-General/Regional Representative, RLC, and the direct supervision of the Senior Policy Officer and the incumbent with perform the following functions:

- collaborate with the regional secretariat of the International Year of Family Farming (IYFF) in the preparation, implementation and monitoring of the IYFF regional agenda / master plan;
- analyze current family farming institutional arrangements and policies at country level, and systematize good practices of family farming policy design/implementation;
- support the establishment of farmer associations and governments' policy dialog platforms at country level;
- collaborate in the identification and inclusion of new strategic partners to the IYFF, and in fund-raising activities;
- support FAO Country Representatives in the creation of new IYFF national committees, and monitor their national agendas;
- update the regional IYFF website;
- assist in the preparation and review of technical documents and promotional material;
- other tasks as required by FAO for the proper implementation for the IYFF;
- perform other duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced university degree in agricultural economics, social sciences, agriculture or related fields
- One year of relevant experience in areas related to family farming (either crops, livestock, community forestry, fishery or aquaculture)
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese or Russian

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Relevance of experience in the Latin America and the Caribbean region in promoting multi-stakeholders initiatives related to family farming, proven experience in systematization and knowledge of family farming challenges, opportunities, institutional arrangements and policies
- Ability to plan and organize own work, deliver results and meet deadlines
- Ability to work effectively within a team, supporting others, and fostering a positive team environment
- Commitment to continual improvement of knowledge, skills and abilities
- Excellent oral and written communication skills

Please note that all candidates should possess computer/word processing skills and should be capable of working with people of different national and cultural backgrounds.

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

REMUNERATION

A competitive compensation and benefits package is offered. For information on UN salaries, allowances and benefits, click on the following link: http://icsc.un.org/

To apply: visit the iRecruitment website at

http://www.fao.org/employment/irecruitment-access/en/

and complete the on-line application

If you need help, or have queries, please contact: iRecruitment@fao.org

In order for your candidature to be properly evaluated, please ensure to complete the on-line application in all sections.

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