

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

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Position Title: Junior Professional Officer (Agricultural

Systems Mechanization)

DUTY STATION: Bangkok, Thailand
Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, RAP

DURATION *: Fixed Term: 2 years

POST CODE/N°: unidentified

CCOG CODE: 1E02

GRADE LEVEL:

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

ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:

Under the overall supervision of the Assistant Director-General/Regional Representative, RAP, and the direct supervision of the Senior Agro-Industry and Post-harvest Officer (RAP), the incumbent will support work in the area of agricultural systems mechanization in production and harvest. In particular, the incumbent will:

- contribute to FAO's programme on agricultural mechanization and support work on the development of sustainable agricultural mechanization strategy (SAMS) in the region;
- monitor key developments on agricultural mechanization issues in production and harvest in the region and provide guidance in areas of technical specialization as appropriate;
- collaborate with member countries on the analysis of mechanization issues in production and harvest, and on the formulation of sustainable agricultural mechanization strategies;
- contribute to field programme development through the identification, formulation, implementation, backstopping and review of projects on sustainable agricultural mechanization in production and harvest systems;
- review and recommend the selection of agricultural tools as well as production and harvest equipment;
- facilitate and support the development of information products including technical and policy reports, guidelines and manuals on sustainable agricultural mechanization in production and harvest systems;
- coordinate and participate in technical meetings and workshops for assisting the transfer of knowledge and information on sustainable agricultural mechanization;
- prepare clear and concise reports on sustainable agricultural mechanization;
- collaborate in a multidisciplinary team and liaise as appropriate with the Center for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization on work of relevance to sustainable agricultural mechanization;
- perform other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced university degree in agricultural engineering or agricultural mechanization or related fields
- One year of relevant experience working in the field of agricultural mechanization in developing countries and/or countries in transition
- 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 on agricultural engineering or agricultural mechanization and sustainability issues in agriculture (with a sound understanding of sustainability issues in agricultural production systems);
- 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

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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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