



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

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Deadline For Application: **6 July 2015**

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POSITION TITLE:	<b>Senior Partnerships Officer</b>	GRADE LEVEL:	<b>P-5</b>
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	<b>Office for Partnerships, Advocacy and Capacity Development (OPC)</b>	DUTY STATION:	<b>Rome, Italy</b>
		DURATION *:	<b>Fixed-term: 2 years</b>
		POST NUMBER:	[ ]
		CCOG CODE:	<b>1.A.10</b>

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

**Qualified female applicants and qualified nationals of non-and under-represented member countries are encouraged to apply.  
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.**

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### Organizational Setting

The Office for Partnerships, Advocacy and Capacity Development (OPC) is responsible for providing corporate strategic advice and developing the tools and methodologies and long-term vision that will allow FAO to proactively engage in partnerships, advocate its messages and develop capacities in all areas comprised in the organization's five Strategic Objectives.

### Reporting Lines

The Senior Partnerships Officer reports to the Director, Office for Partnerships, Advocacy and Capacity Development

### Technical Focus

Lead the implementation of the Organization's strategy on partnering with strategic stakeholders (non-state actors) to accomplish FAO's mandate.

### Key Results

Leadership and conceptual thinking for the development and implementation of comprehensive partnership frameworks within and outside the Organisation with national, regional and international development partners, NGOs, private sector, cooperatives, producer's organizations and academia and research institutions.

### Key Functions

- Leads the implementation of the FAO partnerships corporate strategy of the global, regional and national level;
- Leads multi-disciplinary team(s), leads and/or participates on teams/committees, leads and/or participates on organization-wide committees and represents FAO at inter-agency meetings;
- Identifies strategic collaboration and partnerships with non-state actors for the fulfilment of the Organization's Strategic Objectives;
- Elaborates an annual work plan with the priorities and main activities of non-state actors, which will be aligned with FAO's Strategic Objectives and programmes;
- implements and monitors collaborative work with partners, including meetings, joint projects, information sharing, etc;
- Provides support to staff at headquarters (HQ) and in Decentralized Offices (Dos) on the use of corporate requirements related to partnerships and on managing relations with non-state actors and multi-stakeholder partnerships;
- Provides advice to FAO entities and governing bodies, and other actors, including the Committee on World Food Security (CFS), on multi-stakeholder partnerships;
- Oversees and reviews the quality, consistency and appropriateness of country-specific partnership materials, tools and processes;
- Plans, organizes and participates in capacity development activities;
- Leads the development and implementation of the Monitoring and Evaluation system for FAO's partnerships;
- Participates in the Secretariat of the Partnerships Committee (PC) for review of financial and other arrangements;
- Produces annual report on the implementation of the partnership strategy for the appropriate governing bodies.
- Performs other relevant duties as required.

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## CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

### Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in [rural development, political science, international cooperation for development, economics or a related field to FAO's mandate ]
- Ten years of relevant experience in [international cooperation for development, donor aid programmes, government institutions, civil society organizations and/or NGOs, negotiations and/or public relations/advocacy ]
- Working knowledge of [English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese, Russian]

## Competencies

- Results Focus
- Leading, Engaging and Empowering Others
- Communication
- Partnering and Advocating
- Knowledge Sharing and Continuous Improvement
- Strategic Thinking

## Technical/Functional Skills

- Work experience in more than one location or area of work, particularly in field positions is essential
- Demonstrated results in partnership building, effective negotiations particularly with multi-stakeholders platforms, public relations/advocacy in the areas of food security, social and economic development
- Extent and relevance of experience in managing relations with non-state actors
- Extent and relevance of experience in partnerships and negotiation in the UN System with a variety of stakeholders in the areas of food security and/or rural development is considered a strong asset

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Please note that all candidates should adhere to *FAO Values of Commitment to FAO, Respect for All and Integrity and Transparency*.

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- All candidates should possess computer/word processing skills.
- Evaluation of qualified candidates may include an assessment exercise which will be followed by a competency-based interview.
- Your application will be screened based on the information provided in your iRecruitment online profile (see “*How to Apply*”). We strongly recommend that you ensure that the information is accurate and complete including employment record, academic qualifications and language skills.
- Please note that FAO will only consider academic credentials or degrees obtained from an educational institution recognised in the IAU/UNESCO list.
- Other similar positions at the same level may be filled from this vacancy notice and the endorsed candidates will be considered for the Employment Roster for a period of 2 years.
- Candidates may be requested to provide performance assessments.

## REMUNERATION

A competitive compensation and benefits package is offered. For information on UN salaries, allowances and benefits, click on the following link: [http://www.un.org/Depts/OHRM/salaries\\_allowances/salary.htm](http://www.un.org/Depts/OHRM/salaries_allowances/salary.htm)

## HOW TO APPLY

To apply, visit the iRecruitment website at <http://www.fao.org/employment/irecruitment-access/en/> and complete your online profile. Only applications received through iRecruitment will be considered.

Candidates are requested to attach a letter of motivation to the online profile.

Vacancies will be removed from iRecruitment at 23:59 Central European Time (CET) on the deadline for applications date. We encourage applicants to submit the application well before the deadline date.

If you need help, or have queries, please contact: [iRecruitment@fao.org](mailto:iRecruitment@fao.org)

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