

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

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Deadline For Application: 10 April 2015

Position Title: Evaluation Officer Grade Level.: P-4

DUTY STATION: Rome, Italy

ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: Office of Evaluation, OED DURATION: Fixed Term: 2 years

POST NUMBER: 0925713 CCOG CODE: 1A02

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

Organizational Setting

The FAO Office of Evaluation (OED) anchors the evaluation function in the Organization. Evaluation in FAO provides results accountability to both member countries and the Director-General, giving more in-depth understanding and objective basis for their decision-making and oversight. Evaluation also contributes to corporate learning, feeding lessons into a robust feedback loop. Evaluation provides a sound basis for improvements in the Organization's programmes in terms of their relevance to countries, definition of objectives, their design and implementation. The Office also participates in system-wide evaluation initiatives, thereby contributing to assessments of development effectiveness by the UN system.

Reporting Lines

The Evaluation Officer report to the Director, Office of Evaluation

Technical Focus

Thematic evaluations, country-level evaluations, methodological development and utilization of evaluations

Key Results

Increased results accountability and lessons learning at the corporate and unit level

Key Functions

- plans, designs and conducts OED evaluations ensuring submission of reports according to deadlines;
- manages evaluations conducted by consultants or commissioned to external institutions;
- conducts quality control or assure OED evaluations:
- takes measures to enhance the utilization as well as the national ownership of evaluations;
- participates in developing, enhancing and testing evaluation methodologies, determining their applicability in different contexts, and keeps abreast of latest developments;
- liaises with technical and operational departments to enhance the planning, design and utilization of OED evaluations;
- manages post-evaluation communications, including of lessons from evaluations and making them available to various stakeholders
- performs other duties as requested.

Candidates will be assessed against the following

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in Economics, Agriculture, Social Science or or other field relevant to the position
- Seven years of relevant experience in conducting and managing development evaluations at the global, regional or country levels
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese, Russian

Competencies

- Results Focus
- Team Work
- Communication
- Building effective relationships
- Knowledge Sharing and Continuous Improvement

Technical/Functional Skills

• Extent and relevance of experience in designing, planning, leading, and conducting development evaluations

Demonstrated knowledge and experience in using evaluation methodologies

- Sound understanding of the functioning of UN agencies and the UN system is considered a strong asset;
- Analytical skills and ability to write clear and concise reports in English is considered a strong asset
- Work experience in more than one location or area of work, particularly in field positions is desirable

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

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

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