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POSITION TITLE:	Partnerships Officer	GRADE LEVEL:	P-2
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia, REU	DUTY STATION:	Budapest, Hungary
		DURATION *:	Fixed-term: 2 years
		POST NUMBER:	2004088
		CCOG CODE:	1A.08

* 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.

Organizational Setting

The Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia (REU) is responsible for leading FAO's response to regional priorities for food security, agriculture and rural development through the identification, planning and implementation of FAO's priority activities in the region. It ensures a multidisciplinary approach to programmes, identifies priority areas of action for the Organization in the Region and, in collaboration with departments and divisions at Headquarters, develops, promotes and oversees FAO's strategic response to regional priorities. REU also advises on the incorporation of regional priorities into the Organization's Programme of Work and Budget and implements approved programmes and projects in the region, monitors the level of programme implementation and draws attention to problems and deficiencies. REU develops and maintains relations with region-wide institutions including the Regional Economic Integration Organizations (REIOs).

The Regional Office supports regional policy dialogue on food security, agriculture and rural development issues, facilitates the emergence of regional Partnerships, and supports capacity development and resource mobilization for food security, agriculture and rural development in the region.

The post is located in REUT.

Reporting Lines

The Partnerships Officer reports to Senior Policy Officer, with the overall guidance of the ADG/RR and close coordination with the partnerships unit (OCP) in HQ.

Technical focus

Contribute to strengthening partnership and knowledge networks within and outside the Organization, supporting country-level actions, guided by FAO's Country Programme Framework (CPF).

Key Results

Provide support to partnerships, with national and regional organizations, NGOs and the private sector, and share all relevant information aiming at improving implementation of programmes.

Key Functions

- Supports country-level actions guided by FAO's Country Programming Frameworks (CPFs), Subregional and regional priority frameworks and higher-level strategic frameworks of the Organization in order to transform FAO's knowledge products into country-level results and impacts, sustaining the participation and involvement of non-state actors;
- Support communication with programme colleagues, local and international developers and partners to ensure that innovative technical components and approaches are identified and developed;
- Support the establishment and maintenance of partnerships in the area of advocacy, innovation and programme implementation;
- Assists with the effective advocacy and communication strategy and activities in support of global and country level fund-raising, and to the promotion of donor contributions from private sector or other non-state actors private sector;
- Identifies and analyses new partnerships opportunities with civil society organization and private sector and nurtures existing partnerships in the area of advocacy, innovation and programme implementation and monitors partnerships activities;
- Contributes to the analyses existing processes of working collaboratively with partners, including meetings, joint projects, information sharing, etc. and proposes improvements;
- Ensures that quality, consistency and appropriateness of country-, activities, processes and messages are shared with partners;
- Contributes to preparing briefs and other documents explaining donor policies/trends and alerts senior management on major donor issues with proposals to improve FAO's Partnerships at local/regional levels;
- Analyses the quality, consistency and appropriateness of country- specific communication materials, activities, processes and

messages shared with partners.

Specific Functions

- Assists in the preparation of an action plan to work with civil society, international institutions and the private sector in the region, which will be aligned with FAO's Strategic Objectives and corporate programmes in the region;
- Assists with elaborating and implementing a plan to assist civil society and/or private sector organizations in the region to develop platforms that allow these organizations to have their voice expressed in international fora of interest to FAO.
- Develops and maintains a contact database and carry out a mapping exercise of existing partnerships between FAO and civil society, private sector, public sector entities and international organizations in the Region, maintaining a two-way communication and information exchange with these organizations;
- Forwards specific issues regarding partnerships with CSOs and private sector, public sector entities and international organizations that may need to be brought to the attention of the OCPP branch in FAO Headquarters;
- Maintains close contact with HQ in terms of information, knowledge, and best practices identified in the region, disseminating information on relevant regional multi-stakeholder platforms and policy discussion fora.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in agricultural, social sciences, public relations, political science, international cooperation for development, development economics or another relevant field
- Three years of relevant experience in international cooperation for development, working with civil society and/or the private sector, negotiations and/or public relations/advocacy
- Working knowledge of English and Russian.

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 is desirable
- Extent and relevance of experience with civil society organizations, private sector companies, public sector entities international organizations and partnership matters
- Extent of regional experience: Central and Eastern Europe, Central Asia, CIS countries
- Ability to promote partnership and active dialogue across the organization and with external stakeholders

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

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.
- 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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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.

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