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Deadline For Application: 2 February 2015

Position Title: Human Resources Officer GRADE LEVEL: P-4

DUTY STATION: Cairo, Egypt

ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: Regional Office for the Near East and North

Africa, RNE

DURATION: Fixed-term: 2 years

POST NUMBER: 2003985 CCOG CODE: 1A06

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 the Near East and North Africa, RNE 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. RNE 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. RNE 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 the Administrative Support Unit, RNE in Cairo, Egypt

Reporting Lines

The Human Resources Officer reports to the Senior Administrative Officer under the overall guidance of the ADG/Regional Representative and the functional guidance and oversight of the Director, Human Resources Office (OHR) at the HQ

Technical Focus

Advise management and staff within the Region on the full range of human resources matters with emphasis on planning and management of human resources

Key Results

Comprehensive HR expertise for the planning and delivery of multi-disciplinary HR programmes, products and services
and the development of related policies and specialized tools and systems.

Key Functions

- leads projects and/or work teams, leads and/or participates on Division teams, provides secretariat services and/or
 professional HR expertise on Organization-wide HR committees and working groups and represents FAO at inter-agency
 meetings;
- plans and delivers HR programmes, products and services including related policies, systems and tools to facilitate the effective recruitment, management, development and retirement of the FAO workforce;
- analyzes HR requirements, information, data, statistics, relativities, trends, problems, and/or issues to support service delivery, new HR initiatives, and the preparation of plans, strategies, reports, policies and/or other products;
- provides specialist HR advice and expertise to designated 'business partners' on specific or complex cases, staff
 requirements, policy interpretation issues, labour relations issues and/or best practices, etc.;
- manages special projects and provides guidance to consultants for the development and implementation of new HR products, tools, and systems;
- develops information, training materials and products to increase understanding of HR programmes, services and policies, promote capacity development and facilitate the introduction of 'Change' across the Organization;
- provides information and assistance to management and staff to resolve problems and/or reach agreement on complex issues:
- develops relevant performance criteria and indicators to evaluate HR programmes, products and services.

Specific Functions

- interprets and apply FAO rules and regulations as well as policies and procedures governing human resources management;
- manages and oversees the selection, recruitment and appointment of staff and non-staff and provides support to staff selection panels;
- advises management and support the proactive and systematic implementation of staff development and learning programmes;

- guides and advises managers on organizational design, position management, succession planning and lead the implementation of the staffing needs assessment enabling the effective delivery of the work program in the Region;
- maintains close contact with HR Management at HQ to obtain guidance on technical aspects and keeps abreast of the different HR initiatives and policies and maintain leading edge knowledge on human resources issues;
- represents HR Management at Regional level on human resources related matters;

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in human resources, management, business administration, organizational development, industrial psychology or a related field
- Seven years of relevant experience in human resources management and/or administration, including experience in at least two of the following areas: development and implementation of human resources policies and procedures, staff development and learning, workforce planning, servicing, recruitment and staffing, organizational design and job classification
- Working knowledge of English and limited knowledge of Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian or Spanish

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 in human resources management and administration
- Extent and relevance of experience in development and implementation of human resources policies and procedures
- Familiarity with automated human resources management systems

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.

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/rootindex.asp

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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