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POSITION TITLE:	SENIOR NUTRITION AND FOOD SYSTEMS OFFICER (FOOD TECHNOLOGY)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-5
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	NUTRITION AND FOOD SYSTEMS DIVISION, ESN	DUTY STATION:	Rome, Italy
	ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, ES	DURATION* :	Fixed-term: 2 years
		POST NUMBER:	0063967
		CCOG CODE:	1102

* 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

FAO's Nutrition and Food Systems Division assists Member Countries to improve diets and raise levels of nutrition, through support on appropriate policies, strategies and methodologies for improving the efficiency and inclusiveness of their food and agricultural systems. As a knowledge leader, areas addressed include dietary assessment, support on nutrition-sensitive food and agriculture policies and programmes, effective nutrition promotion programmes, food value chains, market linkages, post-harvest handling and agro-processing. FAO is committed to support Member States in their efforts to improve nutritional outcomes as stated in the Rome Declaration on Nutrition (November 2014) and to mainstream nutrition into FAO's strategic objectives.

Reporting Lines

The Senior Nutrition and Food Systems Officer reports to the Director of the Division.

Technical Focus

The Senior Nutrition and Food Systems Officer will lead the work on food systems for improved nutrition, food security, increased income and employment generation. This will include the areas of post-harvest systems management, food loss and waste reduction, food preservation, quality assurance and value addition.

Key Results

Leadership and conceptual thinking for the development and implementation of comprehensive technical, statistical and/or analytical frameworks to support the programme of work and related products, projects and services in accordance with the FAO Strategic Framework

Key Functions

- Plans, manages, or leads highly specialized or multi-disciplinary teams, leads, coordinates, and/or participates on Organization-wide, cross-Departmental committees, project teams, and working groups, and/or provides technical leadership/secretariat services on technical networks and/or international technical policy and standard setting bodies.
- Analyses global and country specific requirements as well as agricultural, economic, social, environmental factors to provide critical input into the FAO Strategic Framework, Programme of Work as well as Detailed Work Plans and the supporting budgets and/or resourcing strategies.
- Implements and monitors work programmes involving the conception and development of comprehensive statistical and/or analytical frameworks including early warning, medium and long term plans and strategies, leading edge tools, methods, systems and databases, critical indicators, and/or policy models, etc.
- Oversees and reviews data collection, validation, analysis and reporting activities to support the development of technical standards, international instruments, innovation, FAO flagship publications/yearbooks, and/or on-going programme development as well as technical and/or policy advisory services.
- Provides technical and policy advice to Member Countries and technical support to decentralized offices in the development and implementation of their programmes of work.
- Plans, organizes and participates in capacity development activities involving the provision of advice, technical assistance projects, training workshops, seminars, and meetings as well as oversees the development of related materials, on-line tools and information kits.
- Represents the Organization at international/inter-governmental meetings and conferences, advocates strategic partnerships, best practices, and increased policy dialogue and develops and negotiates effective working relationships/consensus and agreements with international and national partners.
- Leads and/or participates in resource mobilization activities in accordance with the Corporate strategy.

Specific Functions

- Provides vision, strategy, leadership and a coherent approach to enhance food systems' contribution to improved nutrition, food security, employment generation and increased income.
- Builds and maintain networks and partnerships with other organizations, the private sector and academia, including developing and in-transition countries.

- Conducts reviews, develop guidelines and analyse technical and policy issues, strategies and programmes to support the development and increased competitiveness of agro-industries.
- Provides backstopping and country-level support in the formulation of policies and programmes for food systems as part of broader strategies to promote sustainable agri-food systems and diversify income and employment opportunities, including for women and youth.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in food science, food technology, agro-food engineering or a related field
- Ten years of relevant experience in one or more of the following areas: post-harvest handling, agro-food processing, agro-food industry technologies, including international working experience in developing countries
- 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.
- Extent and relevance of experience and knowledge of agro-food technologies and systems for value-added transformation of food and agricultural materials in developing and transition countries.
- Extent and relevance of experience in the analysis, design, implementation and evaluation of strategies, programmes and projects related to food systems development.
- Extent of experience in undertaking professional writing and presentations and in addressing professional meetings.
- Extent and relevance of experience in organizing international meetings, seminars and training courses.

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://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