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Deadline For Application: **17 November 2014**

POSITION TITLE:	Fishery & Aquaculture Officer (Post Harvest Losses)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-3
		DUTY STATION:	Accra, Ghana
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Regional Office for Africa, RAF	DURATION *:	Fixed-term: 2 years
		POST NUMBER:	0123765
		CCOG CODE:	1H05

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 Africa (RAF) 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. RAF 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. RAF 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 Technical Officers Group within RAF, with Duty Station in Accra, Ghana.

Reporting Lines

The Fishery Officer reports to the Senior Forestry Officer, RAFT, Team Leader of the Natural Resources Group.

Key Results

Research, technical analysis, and project related services to support the delivery of programme projects, products, and services.

Key Functions

- Researches and analyzes technical, social, economic, environmental, institutional, and technology related information, data and statistics and/or related policy issues to support the delivery of programme projects, products and services
- Produces a variety of technical information, data, statistics and reports as well as input for technical documents and web pages.
- Provides technical support/analysis to various assessments, studies and initiatives and provides technical backstopping to field projects.
- Collaborates in the development of improved/updated tools, systems, processes, and databases.
- Participates on multi-disciplinary teams, and/or leads working groups/teams collaborates with other departments and agencies on work groups and committees and promotes best practices.
- Collaborates in, provides technical backstopping to and ensures the quality / effectiveness of capacity development activities within member countries such as policy support, organizational development and individual learning events including preparation of related information, learning materials, on-line tools.
- Promotes knowledge sharing and best practices at international meetings and conferences and influence partners in stakeholder consultations.
- Supports resource mobilization activities in accordance with the FAO Corporate strategy.

Specific Functions (optional)

- Actively participates in the design and implementation of programs, projects and activities related to post harvest fisheries
- Collects, analyses and disseminates information on the technology, safety and quality of fish for human consumption
- Assists member countries in developing marketing and promotion strategies for their fisheries products
- Develops and maintains contacts with institutions dealing with fish processing technology, safety and quality
- Coordinates and follows up on activities to reduce post harvest losses within the fisheries sector

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in economics, fisheries economics, food engineering, food technology, marine affairs with a specialization in fisheries management and/or governance or other related field
- Five years of relevant experience in fish trade, fishery products safety and quality, field of statistics and data management of fisheries, or related field including food technology and processing
- Working knowledge of English and French

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 in Africa is desirable
- Demonstrated experience and knowledge in planning and supervising work related to fish processing technologies, safety, quality and nutrition
- Extent of experience in providing technical advice on fisheries especially in Africa
- Depth of familiarity with fisheries sector in developing countries, and experience working in Africa
- Extent of experience in the analysis and formulation of programmes for sustainability improvement in the Fisheries sector;
- Demonstrated ability to analyze complex fisheries/aquaculture issues from a technical point of view

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/>

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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