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Junior Professional Officer

Sustainable Bioeconomy



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I General information

Title:	Junior Professional Officer (Sustainable Bioeconomy), P2
Sector of Assignment:	Office of Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environment
Country:	Italy
Location (City):	Rome
Agency:	FAO
Duration of Assignment:	Initially one year, with the possibility to extend up to a maximum total of 3 years
Grade:	P2 step 1 in the first year

Note: This post is opened in the context of the Junior Professional Officer (JPO) scheme sponsored by the Government of the Netherlands and is addressed exclusively to **PEOPLE WITH DUTCH NATIONALITY**.

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II Duties and responsibilities

Provide technical, policy and programme support promoting sustainable bioeconomy in food and agriculture through technological (biotechnology, bioengineering, product design for outcome, and bio-based processing), organizational (policies and institutional behaviour) and social innovations (societal awareness, data systems, and human capital), that promote responsible consumption and production based on healthier diets and efficient use and reuse of biological resources and improve livelihoods. Support countries in the formulation and implementation of integrated evidence-based bioeconomy policies and practices for sustainable and circular agri-food systems that are inclusive of rural communities, indigenous groups, youth and women.

Responsibility 1

Summary of duties/tasks

- Collects and analyses relevant technical, social, economic, environmental, institutional and technology related information, data and/or statistics to support the delivery of programme projects, products and services;
- Undertakes analysis, provides technical input for plans and reports and edits/revises technical/scientific documents;
- Participates in the development of improved work methods, tools and systems;
- Updates databases and web pages;
- Participates in multi-disciplinary project/work teams;

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborates in the development of training tools and materials and the organization of workshops/seminars etc.; • Participates in the organization, conduct and follow-up of meetings, consultations and conferences, the development/production of required materials and the provision of information and assistance to partners.
<p>Responsibility 2</p> <p>Summary of duties/tasks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contributes to the development of new FAO data, methods, tools and services for sustainable and circular bioeconomy used for practices, policies, programmes and investment projects in agri-food sectors; • Provides technical support for the design and the implementation of FAO's projects and programmes aimed at scaling up sustainable and circular bioeconomy at a global, regional and national level; • Contributes to the establishment of FAO's sustainable bioeconomy knowledge platform; • Supports coordination of FAO's PPA on Bioeconomy for Sustainable Food and Agriculture; • Contributes to the development of relevant knowledge products; • Supports establishing partnerships with relevant international organizations, both inter-governmental, non-governmental, and the private sector.
<p>III Training component: Learning elements and expectations</p> <p>Upon completion of the assignment the JPO will have/will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benefit from continuous learning through exposure to international cooperation activities, while applying technical specialization under the supervision of an experienced FAO staff member; • Contribute to achieving FAO's mandate to fight against hunger; • Contribute to the Organization's objectives; • Covid-19 situation permitting, the JPO will gain valuable on-the job training in hands-on field missions, seminars and workshops in countries where FAO is present. <p>The JPO training programme includes the following learning elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided with a thorough briefing and a work plan is agreed; • Learning opportunities range from individual briefings and orientation programmes to educative technical meetings and duty travel with a learning purpose, and day to day work exposure; • Gains technical and professional development opportunities through work; • Benefits from the you@fao learning platform free courses and assistance in maximizing training/duty travel allowance; • The JPO position includes a Duty travel and training allowance (DTTA) of \$4000 per year, which may be used for learning activities related to the assignment and career development.
<p>IV Supervision</p> <p>Title of supervisor: Senior Natural Resources Officer, OCB</p> <p>Content and methodology of supervision</p> <p>The JPO (Sustainable Bioeconomy) reports to the Senior Natural Resources Officer and works in close cooperation with relevant Officer(s) in the FAO Regional/Country Office and/or FAO relevant Units.</p>
<p>V Required Qualifications and Experience</p> <p>Education:</p>

Advanced university degree in environmental sciences, biotechnology, natural resources management, engineering, environmental economics, agriculture, innovation, plant sciences or a related field.

Working experience :

A minimum of three to a maximum of four years relevant working experience in analysing scientific and related policy questions, conducting research and writing reports, and project/programme management in the field of sustainable bioeconomy, innovation and biotechnologies.

Working experience within the UN system should not exceed 50% of the relevant working experience including UNV, (paid) UN internship and UN consultancy.

- Internships: counted at 50% (if relevant to the position).
- Voluntary work: counted at 100% (only if the experience is remunerated).
- UN Volunteers: counted at 100%.

Languages:

Working knowledge (proficient – level C) of English and limited knowledge (intermediate – level B) of another FAO official language (Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian or Spanish).

Key competencies

- Work experience in more than one location or area of work, particularly in field positions;
- Extent and relevance of knowledge and experience in technical and policy matters related to sustainable bioeconomy, biotechnologies and innovation and sustainable natural resources management in food and agriculture;
- Extent and relevance of experience in the preparation, editing and revision of technical/scientific and policy documents and in organizing meetings and workshops;
- Extent and relevance of experience in collecting, analysing and summarizing technical information and data;
- Familiarity with data analysis and web-publishing software.

VI Background information on Agency/Department/Section

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) contributes to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda through the FAO Strategic Framework by supporting the transformation to MORE efficient, inclusive, resilient and sustainable agri-food systems, for better production, better nutrition, a better environment, and a better life, leaving no one behind. The Office of Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environment (OCB) promotes integration of innovative approaches in the activities of the Organization, for the sustainable use, management and conservation of natural resources for food and agriculture. OCB assists Members in their responses towards the challenge of climate change mitigation and adaptation, as well as the development of adaptive capacities of agriculture, fisheries and forestry for conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and other natural resources. It provides a coordination role on climate change, biodiversity and the environment. The Division also serves as a focal point to the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and Green Climate Fund (GCF), for a multidisciplinary and global approach to bioenergy as well as undertaking work and providing support and guidance on Disaster and Risk Reduction issues.

The Sustainable Bioeconomy Group of the Environment workstream supports systemic changes towards efficient, circular, sustainable and resilient agri-food systems and coordinates implementation of the FAO Priority Programme Area (PPA) on Bioeconomy for Sustainable Food and Agriculture in the FAO Strategic Framework 2022-2031.

VII Information on living conditions at Duty Station

Dependency allowances:

- Rental subsidy
- Education grant for children
- Home leave travel
- 30 working days of annual leave per year
- Pension fund entitlements under the UN Joint Staff Pension Fund
- International health insurance; optional life insurance
- Disability protection

VIII How to apply

- To apply, visit the recruitment website at [Job Description - Associate Professional Officer \(Sustainable Bioeconomy\) \(2201385\) \(fao.org\)](#) and complete your online profile. We strongly recommend that your profile is accurate, complete and includes your employment records, academic qualifications and language skills;
- Candidates are requested to attach a letter of motivation to the online profile;
- Once your profile is completed, please apply and submit your application;
- Your application will be screened based on the information provided on your online profile;
- Please note that FAO only considers higher educational qualifications obtained from an institution accredited/recognized in the World Higher Education Database (WHED), a list updated by the International Association of Universities (IAU) / United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). The list can be accessed at <http://www.whed.net/>
- Candidates may be requested to provide performance assessments and authorization to conduct verification checks of past and present work, character, education, military and police records to ascertain any and all information which may be pertinent to the employment qualifications;
- Incomplete applications will not be considered;
- Only applications received through the FAO recruitment portal will be considered;
- We encourage applicants to submit the application well before the deadline date.

If you need help, or have queries, please contact: Careers@fao.org

Applicants will receive acknowledgement of receipt of their submission.
Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.