



Job Description

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Deadline For Application:

Position Title:	Junior Professional Officer (Digital Agrifood Systems)	Grade Level:	P-2
		Duty Station:	Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire
Organizational Unit:	FAO Partnership and Liaison Office in Côte d'Ivoire	Duration *:	Fixed-term: one year with possibility of extension
		Post Number:	
		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

- **FAO is committed to achieving workforce diversity in terms of gender, nationality, background and culture**
- **Qualified female applicants, qualified nationals of non-and under-represented Members and persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply**
- **Everyone who works for FAO is required to adhere to the highest standards of integrity and professional conduct, and to uphold FAO's values**
- **FAO, as a Specialized Agency of the United Nations, has a zero-tolerance policy for conduct that is incompatible with its status, objectives and mandate, including sexual exploitation and abuse, sexual harassment, abuse of authority and discrimination**
- **All selected candidates will undergo rigorous reference and background checks**
- **All applications will be treated with the strictest confidentiality**
- **FAO staff are subject to the authority of the Director-General, who may assign them to any of the activities or offices of the Organization.**

Organizational Setting

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) contributes to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda through FAO Strategic Framework by supporting the transformation to MORE efficient, inclusive, resilient and sustainable agrifood systems, for *better production, better nutrition, a better environment, and a better life*, leaving no one behind.

FAO's commitment to environmental sustainability is integral to our strategic objectives and operations.

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) is the specialized agency of the United Nations for food, nutrition, agriculture, and forestry. FAO's global vision is for a world free from hunger and malnutrition where food and agriculture contribute to improving the living standards of all, especially the poorest, in an economically, socially, and environmentally sustainable manner. Achieving food security for all is at the heart of FAO's efforts – to make sure people have regular access to enough high-quality food to lead active and healthy lives.

The Ivorian government is implementing the National Rice Sector Development Strategy (SNDR 2024-2030). SNDR 2 aims to promote a competitive and sustainable rice sector capable of meeting national needs and generating surpluses. To achieve this, it is structured around three strategic pillars: (i) Sustainably strengthening paddy production, (ii) Sustainably strengthening rice processing, and (iii) Sustainably strengthening the monitoring, financing, and governance of the rice sector.

In line with this commitment, FAO is granted a Japan-funded project currently being implemented entitled "Catalyzing investment in agriculture through a proven financing model for smallholder farmers and AI-based geospatial field monitoring".

The Junior Professional Officer (Digital Agrifood Systems) will support the ongoing initiative and extend the approach on the other keys agricultural system in the Country.

The position is located in the FAO Partnership and Liaison Office in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire.

Reporting Lines

The Junior Professional Officer (Digital Agrifood Systems) reports to the FAO Representative and works closely with the Assistant FAO Representative (Programme), national and international officers and consultants.

Technical Focus

Development and implementation of programmes and activities related to smart agriculture development sector.

Key Results

Collection and analysis of information, data and statistics and project/meeting services to support programme projects, products and services.

Key Functions

- Collects and analyses relevant technical, social, economic, environmental, institutional 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.
- 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.

Specific Functions

- Assists with the development and implementation of a national e-agrifood systems strategy
- Assist with the introduction, adaptation and implementation of various e-agriculture tools, for example, digital farmer registry, digital platforms for agrifood systems extension services for advisories, blockchains, agro-tourism, etc.
- Assists with the digitalization and mechanization of various value chains, for example, rice, cocoa, coffee, cashew, etc.
- Assists with the introduction, adaptation and implementation of digital tools to catalyse the fisheries and livestock sectors.
- Assists with the promotion of the use of digital tools (digital literacy) among gender groups who are not using them.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree (Master's degree or equivalent) in relevant areas such as agriculture, agriculture economics, economics, commerce and marketing, nutrition, food science, food safety, natural resources management, rural development, political science, computer science, international development, digital agrifood system development, or related field.
- Three years of relevant experience in the field of digitalization, digital agrifood systems, rural development, food science, nutrition, food safety, smart agriculture project or tools development, or a related field.
- Working knowledge (proficiency- level C) 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.
- Extent and relevance of experience in collecting and analysing technical information and data.
- Extent and relevance of knowledge and experience in related fields, such as digitalization, digital agrifood systems, rural development, food science, nutrition, food safety, smart agriculture project or tools

development, or a related field.

- Extent and relevance of experience in the preparation, editing and revision of technical/scientific documents and in organizing meetings and workshops.
- Extent and relevance of experience in establishing and maintaining partnerships with the United Nations (UN) agencies, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), as well as donors and government institutions and agencies.

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