



POSITION TITLE:	Agro-Industries Officer (Post-harvest Systems)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-3
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Agro-Food Industries Group Rural Infrastructure and Agro-Industries Division, AGS AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION DEPARTMENT, AG	DUTY STATION:	Rome
		DURATION *:	Fixed term: 3 years
		POST CODE/N°:	
		CCOG CODE:	

Applications from qualified women as well as from qualified nationals of non-and under-represented member countries are encouraged

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the overall supervision of the Director, AGS and the direct supervision of the Senior Officer, Agro-Food Industries Group, the incumbent will provide support to the post-production sector (handling, storage, packaging, distribution, transport and marketing of agricultural materials) activities of the Group. In particular, will:

- identify, evaluate and recommend handling, grading, storage, packaging and distribution technologies appropriate to the socio-economic context of FAO member countries;
- maintain an up-to-date awareness of post- production technologies applicable for use in FAO member countries;
- contribute to the development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of post-harvest management programmes and projects;
- provide advice on the selection of technical processes and technical experts;
- prepare background information and technical papers;
- participate in the organization of and contribute to technical sectorial meetings;
- identify, develop and technically backstop field projects;
- collaborate with other organizational units engaged in post-production activities and maintain close contact with relevant research and development institutions, NGOs, universities and other public and private sector groups for the purpose of information exchange, transfer of technologies and networking;
- perform other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced University Degree in Agricultural Engineering, Food Science, Food Technology with specialization in post-harvest technology or a University Degree in the afore-mentioned disciplines and Advanced University Degree in Agricultural Economics
- Five years of relevant experience in the field of post- harvest technologies focussing on agricultural produce handling, storage and distribution
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Level and relevance of academic qualifications
- Extent, relevance and diversity of experience in improving post-harvest systems and product handling technologies, particularly in developing countries, with a focus on grains, roots and tubers and exposure to post-harvest issues for fruits and vegetables
- Extent, relevance and diversity of experience in dealing with the following aspects of post-harvest systems: quality and safety; infrastructure (storage structures, rural market places and roads), logistics systems and business management
- Extent of and relevance of experience in identifying, developing and implementing field projects and programmes related to development of post-harvest systems, including in developing regions
- Extent and relevance of experience in producing reports, technical papers and training materials
- Quality of oral and written communication skills on technical issues in more than one of the required languages

Please note that all candidates should possess computer/word processing skills and should be capable of working with people of different national and cultural backgrounds.

* **The length of appointment for internal FAO candidates will be established in accordance with applicable policies pertaining to the extension of appointments**

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/>

TO APPLY: Carefully read and follow the Guidelines to applicants

Send your application to:

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