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| **CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - vacancy announcement No:**  |
| **Issued on:** |  |
| **Deadline For Application:** |  2 weeks |
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| **Job Title:** PSA.NAT (National Agricultural and Rural Development Policy Specialist)  |  | **Type of requisition:** | PSA.NAT  |
|  |  | **Duty Station:** | Tirana, Albania |
| **Organizational Unit:** | REUTD | **Duration:** | 11 months, possibility of extension  |
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| *FAO seeks gender, geographical and linguistic diversity in its staff and international consultants in order to best serve FAO Members in all regions.* |
| **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.** |
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| **Organizational Setting**Under the overall supervision of the FAO Representative for Albania, and direct technical support from REU Policy Officer and the International Agriculture and Rural Development Policy Expert, the consultant will be the main responsible person for the technical implementation of the FAO project on building MARD institutional capacities in agriculture, statistics, quality policy and rural development.**Reporting Lines**The consultant reports on technical work plan implementation to REU Policy Officer and works under the technical guidance from the International topic-specific experts. Operational reporting is streamlined to AFAOR in Albania. **Technical Focus** The expert will be especially responsible in supporting senior management of the ministry, AFAOR, FAO Officers and the international team of experts in the implementation of the full project within its areas of agricultural policy analysis, statistics, food trade, marketing standards, geographic indications, agricultural and policy-analysis information systems and etc. **Tasks and responsibilities*** + Support policy-related work of the project, coordinate the work at local level in absence of the international team and International Agriculture and Rural Development Policy Expert and oversee, facilitate institutional dialogue and support the implementation of the day to day activities of the project;
	+ Consultations and regular effective liaison with the Government of Albania (GoA), senior and middle management of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) and the EU Delegation in Tirana;
	+ Draft ToRs and quarterly update project work plan, following consultation with all experts involved;
	+ Organize task forces and support FAO missions;
	+ Support in the recruitment of other national and international experts;
	+ Support MARD in the coordination of technical work with other donor projects under implementation in MARD, including other FAO projects;
	+ Participate under the advice of the International Agriculture and Rural Development Policy Expert in the preparation and reporting of the activities under the assignment, as they are determined in the Project Document;
	+ Represent the expert team on the ground in MARD, when the FAO international expert team is away.
	+ Support the FAO experts to prepare mini sector and other policy analyses reports (tbc);
	+ Supported by International Agriculture and Rural Development Policy Expert, to lead preparation of the draft progress and final reports , based on the contributions collected from technical team;
	+ Take responsibility for operational actions at local level to facilitate the implementation of the project including issues of organizing translations and interpretations for meetings and documents (individual support or identification of the translators, translated documents);
	+ Liaise closely with UNDP where needed regarding operational issues and petty cash management if needed;
	+ Perform other related duties as required.

**CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING****Minimum Requirements*** University degree in economics, agricultural economics, agriculture, agricultural engineering, management or other areas related to the technical focus on the ToR
* At least 5 years of relevant technical analytical experience
* Working knowledge of Albanian and English.

**FAO Core 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
* Extent and relevance of experience in working with senior officials of the government for more than 5 years.

**Selection Criteria*** Evidence presented of drafted analytical reports, agricultural sector programming papers, policy analysis papers etc.
* Understanding of the EU agricultural and rural development policy, IPARD policy for pre-accession countries.
* Fluency in English.

**Additional Selection Criteria*** Master of Science or PhD in agricultural economics, economics, business or other areas related to the technical focus of the ToR is an advantage.
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| Please note that all candidates should adhere to *FAO Values of Commitment to FAO, Respect for All and Integrity and Transparency.* |

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