



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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, healthy lives. Our three main goals are: the eradication of hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition; the elimination of poverty and the driving forward of economic and social progress for all; and, the sustainable management and utilization of natural resources, including land, water, air, climate and genetic resources for the benefit of present and future generations.

Job Title :	Climate Change Specialist
Duty Station :	Colombo (FAO Representation)
Duration :	11 months (with possibility of extension)
Remuneration :	Based on the required qualifications for the position

The number of undernourished people in the world has been on the rise since 2014. The global response to climate change today will determine how we feed future generations tomorrow. By transforming their agriculture sectors, countries have the chance to achieve food security for all. At the same time, agriculture, including forestry, fisheries and livestock production, generate around a fifth of the world's greenhouse gas emissions. This must be reduced by 2030 to achieve the goal of limiting global warming to 2°C.

To meet these challenges, FAO's strategy focuses on adaptation and mitigation in the agriculture sectors and advocates for better management of synergies and trade-offs between the two. FAO supports its member countries in these efforts offering technical guidance, data and tools for improved decision making and the implementation of adaptive measures. FAO has also embedded these tools and approaches in broader frameworks such as climate-smart agriculture and in the promotion of Disaster Risk Reduction policy and action.

The Organization's assistance to developing countries focuses on integrated approaches to agricultural development. It facilitates the design of National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) and Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions (NAMAs) and supports climate actions that countries have publicly pledged to achieve, known as Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) through coherent policy frameworks.

FAO has a long history of working with countries to improve policy coherence in order to achieve national agricultural objectives. The establishment of inter-ministerial working groups to review national bioenergy programs is an example of this. In response to increasing demands, FAO's climate change portfolio has expanded. From 2009 to 2017, more than 300 programs and projects addressed the problems caused by climate variability and extremes in the agriculture sectors.

To this end, FAO is recruiting a Climate Change Specialist, to support the implementation and delivery of FAO's Climate Change Thematic Program in Sri Lanka and Maldives. As a core member of the Policy and Knowledge Management Team, the Climate Change Specialist will directly report to the FAO Representative in Sri Lanka and Maldives and receive technical advice from the Lead Technical Officers at FAO Regional Representation in Asia and Pacific and other relevant technical officers at HQ.

How to Apply

To view the detailed Terms of Reference and to apply, visit the FAO Sri Lanka website at the following link <http://www.fao.org/srilanka/fao-in-sri-lanka/employment/en/> and create an online profile through the FAO Career Portal to submit your application. Only applications received online will be considered. Candidates are requested to attach a letter of motivation to the online profile. Vacancies will be removed from the recruitment portal at 23:59 Central European Time (CET) on the closing date for applications. We encourage applicants to submit the application well before the deadline. If you need assistance, or have queries, please contact: Careers@fao.org.