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Deadline For Application: 6 November 2017

JOB TITLE: Natural Resources Management specialist

TYPE OF CONTRACT: Consultant

ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: AGP

DUTY STATION: Rome, Italy

DURATION: Up to 11 month on a WAE basis

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.

Organizational Setting

The post is located in the Plant Production and Protection Division (AGP). The Division promotes the sustainable intensification of crop production. This requires the integration and harmonization of all appropriate crop production policies and practices within the broader framework of sustainable food and agriculture (SFA) that aims at increasing production and productivity, addressing climate change, and managing natural resources; and enhance rural livelihoods.

The post is based in the Pest and Pesticide Management team (AGPMC), one of 6 teams in AGP. The Team provides advice and guidance in areas of pest management in the context of sustainable crop production intensification.

FAO International Consultant and Call purpose

The Organization frequently engages experts to work on short-term projects as international consultants. The functions of a consultant are results-oriented and normally involve analysing complex issues, directing seminars or training courses, preparing documents for project proposals, conferences and meetings, or writing reports on matters within their area of expertise.

An international consultant is recruited by the organization to provide expertise, skills or knowledge for the performance of specific task or piece of work, which would be short-term by nature. The assignment may involve full-time or part-time functions similar to those of staff member.

The assignment can be from 1 month up to 11 months. The possibility of extension is subject to satisfactory performance and depending on the resources and needs of the Organization.

The purpose of this call is to attract talents to populate rosters on Natural Resources Management. Qualified candidates may be contacted for interviews and if endorsed for the Roster, are available for consideration whenever relevant employment opportunities arise.

Reporting Lines

Overall guidance of the AGPMC Team Leader, and direct supervision of the relevant AGPMC technical officer.

Technical Focus

The work will be focused in particular on boosting the potential of agriculture through integrated management of the natural resources at landscape or watershed levels with the aim to improve food security and agro-ecosystem resilience.

Tasks and responsibilities

The key functions of the consultant can include the following:

- Provide technical and methodological guidance to country teams for the design and implementation of integrated natural resources management with a landscape approach for sustainable agriculture projects
- Support the development of humanitarian and development project proposals
- Assist in the design, consolidation and facilitation of multi-stakeholder and multi-scale platforms for upscaling sustainable agriculture practices and landscape/watershed management
- Provide technical guidance in the planning and implementation of micro-watershed management plans using a sustainable land and water management approach
- Provide technical guidance to develop updated curricula for training of extension agents in sustainable agriculture with a detailed component on integrated land /natural resources management, including on soil fertility and small scale irrigation
- Write and review technical reports, training materials and strategic documents including the analysis of status and trends related to natural resources (land and water) status, management and sources of financing to support sustained adoption

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced University degree in agricultural sciences, natural resources management, land and water or related disciplines.
- Minimum 7 years of experience in tropical agriculture and sustainable land/water management.
- Working knowledge of English and French.

FAO Core Competencies

- Results Focus
- Teamwork
- Communication
- Building Effective Relationships
- Knowledge Sharing and Continuous Improvement

Technical/Functional Skills

- Demonstrated ability in capacity development, technical backstopping and training on natural resources management
- Knowledge of sustainable agriculture, climate change and related issues, including how they impact rural development and food security
- Experience in land resources management, tools and methods, ecosystem assessment/ management
- Ability to analyse technical and scientific information, to write and communicate clearly and concisely, including technical reports, project documents and effective oral presentations
- Experience and knowledge of cross-sectoral issues related to land resources management and agriculture (including forestry, fishery) in relation to climate change mitigation and adaptation and sustainable agriculture in developing countries
- Experience in project formulation with major donors
- Experience in developing countries
- Demonstrated facilitation skills
- Experience with participatory approaches (such as Farmer Field Schools), capacity development and outreach.

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- FAO does not charge a fee at any stage of the recruitment process (application, interview meeting, processing).
- Incomplete applications will not be considered. If you need help, or have queries, please contact: iRecruitment@fao.org
- Applications received after the closing date will not be accepted.
- Only language proficiency certificates from UN accredited external providers and/or FAO language official examinations (LPE, ILE, LRT) will be accepted as proof of the level of knowledge of languages indicated in the online applications.
- For other issues, visit the FAO employment website: <http://www.fao.org/employment/home/en/>

HOW TO APPLY

To apply, visit the iRecruitment website at <http://www.fao.org/employment/irecruitment-access/en/> and complete your online profile. Only applications received through iRecruitment will be considered.

Candidates are requested to attach a letter of motivation to the online profile.

Vacancies will be removed from iRecruitment at 23:59 Central European Time (CET) on the deadline for applications date. We encourage applicants to submit the application well before the deadline date.

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