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Deadline For Application: 10 April 2012

POSITION TITLE:	Senior Agriculture Officer (Agricultural Research)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-5
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Secretariat of the Independent Science and Partnership Council to the CGIAR (OEKDS)	DUTY STATION:	Rome
	Office of Knowledge Exchange, Research and Extension	DURATION *:	NTE 31/12/2013 (with possibility of extension)
		POST CODE/N°:	0289906
		CCOG CODE:	1H01

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

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the general supervision of the Executive Director of the CGIAR Independent Science and Partnership Council (ISPC), will provide technical support to ISPC and its Standing Panel(s), working groups, and task forces. In particular will:

- monitor and advise on global and regional agricultural research trends, agricultural scientific challenges and agricultural science & technology policy issues;
- promote recognition of the quality, relevance and impact of science in the CGIAR identifying opportunities for enhancing the collaboration and stimulating global research towards CGIAR goals;
- develop and maintain partnership with national and regional research bodies, including advanced research institutions and private sector to support the mobilization of science related to CGIAR goals;
- lead the planning and organization of meetings of the ISPC, its specialized panels and ad hoc workshops;
- provide a critical review and analysis, reviewing program plans and highlighting programmatic and technical issues for ISPC's consideration;
- prepare, analyse and review documentation (ISPC publications, reports, communication activities, etc.)
- represent the Secretariat at meetings concerned with international agricultural research, as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- PhD in agricultural or related natural or social sciences.
- Ten years of relevant experience in agricultural science and technology and science policy issues with particular emphasis on tropical and sub-tropical agricultural research for development. This should include experience in planning, implementing and coordinating programme activities related to agricultural research, with relevant experience at the national level in developing countries.
- 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 technical qualifications.
- Demonstrated ability to promote international scientific interaction across CGIAR Centers, strong NARS, Academies of Science and Private Sector in more and less developed countries.
- Extent of research expertise and demonstrated analytical ability
- Relevance of experience in planning, implementing and coordinating programme activities related to agricultural research.
- Proven ability to organize and conduct technical meetings and to make effective oral presentations and write clear and concise reports in English.
- Demonstrated ability to build synergy in a team environment and to develop, design and implement quality programmes, studies and projects.

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

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TO APPLY: Carefully read and follow the **Guidelines to applicants**

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