



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

## PROFESSIONAL VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT N°: 2524-AGP

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Deadline For Application: 16 May 2011

POSITION TITLE:	<b>Programme Specialist</b> (Agriculture)	GRADE LEVEL:	<b>P-3</b>
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	<b>International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC)</b> <b>Plant Production and Protection Division, AGP</b> Agriculture & Consumer Protection Department, AG	DUTY STATION:	<b>Rome, Italy</b>
		DURATION *:	<b>Fixed-Term: 3 years</b>
		POST CODE/N°:	<b>C/0080985</b>
		CCOG CODE:	<b>1H02</b>

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

### DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) is an international treaty whose mission is to secure common and effective actions to prevent the spread and introduction of pests of plants and plant products that may affect the world's plant resources both cultivated and wild.

As a team member of the Plant Production and Protection Division (AGP), providing substantive contributions to support enhanced sustainable crop production intensification, the incumbent will organize, plan and deliver specialist advice in support of the development, implementation and monitoring of international standards. To this objective, the incumbent will:

- Provide support to governing body mechanisms in the development of standards and in building consensus for their adoption by overseeing the organization of intergovernmental and technical meetings;
- Prepare advocacy materials and documents to support standard setting activities;
- Engage countries, institutions and partners at national, regional and international levels to support the development and implementation of standards activities;
- Use experience gained in the capacity development programme and the implementation of standards at national/regional levels to support the improved development of the standards;
- Run monitoring and reporting systems that capture input from countries as a means to address concerns in the development of standards and improve opportunities for cooperation and advancement;
- Maintain networks of collaboration amongst technical specialists to gather information and promote awareness of the standards;
- Advise the Division on key issues and opportunities to expand and enhance cooperation with other teams and programme coordination;
- Inform colleagues on opportunities to improve sustainable production through the development and implementation of standards and the use of international agreements.

### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

*Candidates should meet the following:*

- Advanced University Degree in Agriculture, Forestry or Environmental Sciences or related field
- Five years of experience related to phytosanitary programmes for the trade of plant and plant products, preferably at regional or international level
- 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:*

- Relevance of experience in phytosanitary programmes for the trade of plant and plant products, preferably at the regional or international level
- Depth of knowledge of standards and policies in an international environment
- Demonstrated planning and organizational ability
- Demonstrated ability to write clearly and concisely and deliver oral presentations
- Demonstrated capacity to work in a team environment

*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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