



POSITION TITLE:	Agriculture Extension Officer	GRADE LEVEL:	P-3
		DUTY STATION:	Rome
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Research and Extension Branch, OEKR	DURATION *:	Fixed Term 3 years
	Office of Knowledge Exchange, Research and Extension, OEK	POST CODE/N°:	2002629
		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 overall supervision of the Director, OEK, and the direct supervision of the Chief, OEKR, the incumbent will:

- Contribute to the promotion of extension reforms and capacity development for extension/advisory services with special attention to demand-led, pluralistic, decentralized, market-orientated, and participatory approaches that meet the diverse needs of smallholders and rural people, especially women and marginal groups.
- Formulate and implement projects that strengthen agricultural/rural extension and provide technical assistance in capacity development of agriculture innovation systems.
- Prepare advocacy materials and documents to support the strengthening of agriculture innovation systems and support services.
- Provide technical advice on design elements to strengthen and reform extension systems.
- Provide support in the organization and delivery of technical workshops, consultations, seminars and training sessions on conceptual and practical aspects of extension and rural knowledge institution improvements.
- Contribute to the preparation of studies, position papers and conceptual frameworks that strengthen extension systems and agriculture innovation systems.
- Maintain networks of collaboration with technical specialists to gather information and promote awareness of technical issues to improve extension systems and advisory services.
- Perform other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced University Degree in Extension, Agriculture Sciences, Rural Development, or related field
- Five years of relevant experience in the planning, organization, and execution of agricultural/rural extension, rural development, or agriculture innovation programmes and activities related to the needs of developing countries
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese, Russian

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Relevance of working experience in planning, managing and evaluating agricultural/rural extension systems in developing countries
- Extent of knowledge of and experience in advisory capacity in the fields of agriculture extension/advisory services and agriculture innovation systems and services
- Extent of knowledge of and experience in programme/project identification, formulation, implementation, and evaluation in developing countries
- Demonstrated ability to prepare clear and concise technical studies and reports
- Demonstrated ability to plan, organize, and conduct technical meetings and training activities
- Extent of language skills

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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