



POSITION TITLE:	Senior Officer (Transboundary Plant Pests)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-5
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Plant Production and Protection Division, AGP Agriculture and Consumer Protection Department, AG	DUTY STATION:	Rome, Italy
		DURATION *:	Fixed term: 3 years
		POST CODE/N°:	C/0846376
		CCOG CODE:	1H02

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

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Organizational Setting: The post is located in the Emergency Prevention System for Transboundary Animal and Plant Pests and Diseases (EMPRES) Plant Protection Team, AGPMM, in the Plant Production and Protection Division (AGP).

Main Purpose/Contacts: The Senior Officer (Transboundary Plant Pests) will lead and be responsible for the overall technical and administrative supervision of the EMPRES Plant Protection programme including its design and delivery across the Organization. The incumbent will be a member of the AGP Divisional Management Team and will collaborate with staff at senior levels across the Organization including FAO's Decentralised Offices, FAO Representations, in national governments and with national, regional and international organizations.

Supervision Received/Exercised: The Senior Officer will work under the overall managerial and administrative leadership of the Director, AGP, and in the capacity as leader of AGPMM will provide management oversight and technical guidance to team members.

Main Duties And Responsibilities: As leader of the AGPMM Team, the incumbent will organize, plan and deliver specialist technical and policy advice and support to enhance sustainable crop production intensification (SCPI) in member countries with emphasis on the management and prevention of transboundary plant pests while ensuring consistent effective use of resources and high quality programme management. In support of these objectives, the incumbent will:

- Develop networks of support across the Organization specifically with the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) and Decentralized Offices, and establish synergies among various stakeholders and partnerships with regional organizations, Desert Locust Commissions, other UN organizations, NARES, development partners, and NGOs to support the development of knowledge bases and standards to address risks due to transboundary plant pests and diseases more effectively;
- Develop in close collaboration with Decentralized Offices long-term strategies for the preventive management of transboundary plant pests that threaten livelihoods, based on principles of early detection and rapid response, and assure their technical quality;
- Assist in the process of programme and project planning/preparation to strengthening the early detection and rapid reaction capacities of affected countries/regions and participate in fundraising efforts;
- Promote, in close collaboration with the scientific community, private sector and affected countries the development and application of environmentally safer pest management technologies and programmes;
- Contribute to improved disaster risk reduction concepts and more effective emergency response tools for all levels; ensure that these are updated regularly and are translated into actions as appropriate;
- Supervise, in close collaboration with the Food Chain Crisis-Intelligence and Coordination Unit (AGDM) and the FAO Emergency Operations and Rehabilitation Division (TCE), the implementation of emergency response operations in countries at risk of/or affected by transboundary plant pests;
- Advise the Division, the Food Chain Crisis-Intelligence and Coordination Unit (AGDM) and the FAO Emergency Operations and Rehabilitation Division (TCE) on all technical aspects of plant pest related emergency preparedness and response;
- Supervise capacity development and training programmes for various target groups and subject matters in improved transboundary plant pest management;
- Facilitate team work, motivate and assist Team members through effective leadership to achieve their goals;
- Plan, organize and participate in meetings, conferences, and seminars dealing with transboundary plant pest threats and emergency prevention systems.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced University Degree in Agronomy, Entomology, Plant Pathology or a closely related subject
- Ten years of relevant experience in plant protection related to the programme preferably in the area of technical cooperation
- Working knowledge (Level C) of English and French

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent of knowledge of and relevant experience in the management, monitoring and evaluation of agricultural development projects and programmes
- Extent of professional experience in developing countries
- Ability to work effectively in a multidisciplinary team with demonstrated leadership/managerial skills in empowering and motivating team members in a multicultural environment
- Demonstrated ability in resource mobilization in the area of agricultural development
- Experience in managing plant pest related emergencies
- Experience and ability to negotiate and cooperate with senior officials in national governments, intergovernmental organizations and other institutions and in designing collaborative networks and joint programmes
- Demonstrated ability to communicate clearly and concisely both orally and in writing

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*

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