



POSITION TITLE:	Programme Specialist (Sustainable Agriculture)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-4
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 ^o :	0419303
		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

Organizational Setting

The post is located in the Crop Production Intensification Team (AGPME) of the Plant Production and Protection Division (AGP).

Main Purpose/contacts

The Programme Specialist, AGPME, will provide technical expertise and contribute to the technical design and delivery of a programme in support of sustainable crop production intensification (SCPI). The incumbent will have contacts with staff at various 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 Programme Specialist works under the general direction of the Director, AGP and the direct supervision of the leader of the AGPME Team and provides technical guidance and when necessary supervision to more junior Professional Staff, consultants and General Service staff assigned to the team.

Main Duties and Responsibilities

As a member of the AGPME Team in the Plant Production and Protection Division (AGP), the incumbent will organize, plan and deliver specialist advice and programme management support to enhance sustainable crop production intensification in member countries with emphasis on sustainable agriculture and community development. In support of these objectives, the incumbent will:

- Identify and analyze critical challenges and threats to sustainable crop production intensification and food security at national and regional levels.
- Develop targeted strategies to respond to these challenges and threats including through the Farmer Field School approach.
- Formulate and implement projects to deliver a programme of work in support of SCPI linking policies to operational frameworks and technologies with a focus on Conservation Agriculture, integrated pest management, soil fertility management, desertification control, crop/livestock integrated systems and climate resilient production systems.
- Build monitoring and reporting systems that provide critical information to key stakeholders at national, regional and international levels on key factors impacting SCPI including the identification of key indicators and baseline measurements.
- Create and engage in networks of collaboration amongst technical specialists to promote programme coordination and knowledge and skills related to community awareness and small farmers capacities to implement SCPI giving special attention to the negative effects of climate change and agricultural practices.
- Advise the Division on key issues of overall programme performance and emerging trends in SCPI that affect programme direction.
- Represent the Organization and Division in international meetings on technical issues/challenges to the implementation of SCPI relevant to the work of the Team;
- Share knowledge to expand the understanding of colleagues on issues and approaches to deepen knowledge and capacities within the team and promote greater effectiveness in programme design and delivery.
- Prepare case studies, reports, guidelines, publications and presentations in support of programme delivery.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced University Degree in Agriculture, Agronomy, Cropping Systems, Ecology or related discipline
- Seven years of relevant experience related to project development in sustainable agriculture and community development preferably at the international level
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish with a limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese or Russian

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent of knowledge of and relevance of experience in sustainable crop production intensification
- Demonstrated ability to communicate clearly and concisely both orally and in writing
- Extent and relevance of experience in leading the formulation, development and implementation of technical projects
- Ability to work effectively in a multidisciplinary team and to build team cohesion in a multicultural environment
- Planning, organizational ability and experience in preparing and managing intergovernmental meetings and workshops
- Experience and ability to negotiate and cooperate with senior officials in national governments, intergovernmental organizations and other institutions and in building collaborative networks and joint programmes

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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