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POSITION TITLE:	Agricultural Officer (Obsolete Pesticides- Project Coordinator)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-4
		DUTY STATION:	Rome, Italy
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Agriculture and Consumer Protection Department	DURATION *:	Fixed-term:2 years
	Plant Production and Protection Division (AGP)	POST NUMBER:	2003659
	Pesticide Risk Reduction Team (AGPMC)	CCOG CODE:	1H01

Qualified female applicants and qualified nationals of non-and under-represented member countries are encouraged to apply.

Persons with disabilities are equally encouraged to apply.

All applications will be treated with the strictest confidence.

The incumbent may be re-assigned to different activities and/or duty stations depending on the evolving needs of the Organization.

Organizational Setting

The Plant Production and Protection Division (AGP) promotes the sustainable intensification of crop production. This requires the integration and harmonization of all appropriate crop protection policies and practices in order to increase production in a sustainable manner in order to eradicate hunger while preserving the natural resources and environment for future use.

The post is located in the Pesticide Risk Reduction Team (AGPMC) one of six teams in the Division. AGPMC provides advice, technical support and guidance to countries aimed at improving pesticide life-cycle management in line with the International Code of Conduct for Pesticide Management (the Code). The team supports projects globally as a field programme related to practical implementation of the Code.

The post will act as project coordinator for the implementation of the EC-FAO partnership "Improving capacities to eliminate and prevent recurrence of obsolete pesticides as a model for tackling unused hazardous chemicals in the former Soviet Union". The project operates in 12 countries of the region and covers the complete pesticide life-cycle with a strong emphasis on environmentally sound disposal of obsolete pesticides and contaminated materials.

Reporting Lines

The Agricultural Officer report to the Senior Agricultural Officer, AGPMC.

Technical Focus

Management of obsolete pesticides, contaminated pesticide containers and management of sites contaminated with pesticides. A sound understanding of the pesticide life-cycle is also essential.

Key Results

Comprehensive technical and policy expertise to support the planning, development and implementation of Departmental/Division programmes, projects, products and services in accordance with Departmental/Division objectives and FAO Strategic Objectives

Key Functions

- Plans and leads components of multi-disciplinary teams, leads and/or participates on Organization-wide, cross-Departmental committees, project teams, and working groups and/or provides specialized expertise on technical networks and/or international technical policy and/or international technical policy and standard setting bodies.
- Develops technical, analytical, monitoring and reporting frameworks, and related methodologies, tools, systems and databases etc. to support the planning, implementation/delivery and monitoring of programmes of work, projects, products and/or services.
- Designs and conducts research, data collection, validation, analysis and/or reporting activities to support the development of technical standards, international instruments, innovative approaches and strategies, new tools, technologies, technical reports/publications, and/or policy proposals as well as the provision of technical/policy/ specialist/advice and expertise.
- Responds to country requests for technical and policy assistance, provides technical advice, assistance and solutions to Decentralized Offices and provides technical backstopping to field projects.
- Collaborates in, provides technical backstopping to and ensures the quality / effectiveness of capacity development and knowledge sharing activities within member countries such as policy support, organizational development and individual learning events including preparation of related information, learning materials, on-line tools..
- Promotes international cooperation/advocates best practices, increased policy dialogue and provides technical expertise at international/intergovernmental meetings.
- Participates in resource mobilization activities in accordance with the FAO Corporate strategy.
- Performs other duties.

Specific Functions

For the EC-FAO partnership project in EECCA Region (75% of time):

- Provides technical oversight and supervision to the project and in particular chair the Project Technical Committee and act as secretariat for the Project Steering Committee;
- Develops specifications for and supervise implementation of contracts and Letters of Agreements with project partners,
- Coordinates with the Delivery Manager in the Regional Office Budapest to ensure the project outputs contribute to the Regional Initiative on Smallholder and Family Farmers in Europe;

Other AGPMC activities (25% of time):

- Provides technical supervision to the existing portfolio of GEF and other EC funded projects;
- Leads the development of GEF funded project on POPs management as required;

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced University degree in Chemistry, Environmental Science or related field;
- Seven years of relevant experience in management of obsolete pesticides and associated wastes;
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese, Russian.

Competencies

- Results Focus
- Teamwork
- Communication
- Building Effective Relationships
- Knowledge Sharing and Continuous Improvement

Technical/Functional Skills

- Work experience in more than one location or area of work in particular Eastern European, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA) region is desirable;
- Extent of experience of delivery of technically diverse partnership programmes as a leader of the team;
- Extent of knowledge of FAO technical guidelines related to management of obsolete pesticides, relevant EC Directives and technical requirements of the Basel and Stockholm Convention;
- Extent of experience in development of operational systems, guidelines and training materials specifically related to obsolete pesticides, contaminated containers and contaminated sites;
- Extent of experience in the application of FAO procedures for implementation of projects to include completion of narrative and financial reports to meet EC reporting requirements.

Please note that all candidates should adhere to *FAO Values of Commitment to FAO, Respect for All and Integrity and Transparency*.

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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HOW TO APPLY

For guidelines to applicants, please visit the Application Toolkit at <http://www.fao.org/employment/current-vacancies/project/en/>

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