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Deadline For Application: **30 September 2014**

POSITION TITLE:	Agricultural Officer (Ecological Intensification)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-2
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Plant Production and Protection Division (AGP) Agriculture and Consumer Protection Department (AG)	DUTY STATION:	Rome, Italy
		DURATION *:	12 months
		POST NUMBER:	
		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 production 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 position is located in the Crop Production Intensification Team, AGPME, one of six teams in the Division. AGPME provides advice, technical support and guidance to countries aimed at enhancing the provisioning of goods and services from agricultural production systems.

Reporting Lines

The Agriculture Officer reports to the Programme Specialist, Sustainable Agriculture, both of whom work under the general direction of the AGPME Team leader.

Technical Focus

The officer will provide technical input and contribute to the delivery of a programme in support of "Increasing and improve provision of goods and services from agriculture in a sustainable manner", specifically with respect to improving the evidence base for decision-making in relation to ecological intensification and ecosystem services in agricultural production.

Key Results

Collection and analysis of information, data and statistics and support to programme projects, products and services.

Key Functions

- Collection and analysis of information, data and statistics and project / meeting services to support programme projects, products and services
- Collects and analyzes relevant technical, social, economic, environmental, institutional and technology related information, data and/or statistics to support the delivery of programme projects, products and services
- Undertakes analysis, provides technical input for plans and reports and edits/revises technical/scientific documents.
- Participates in the development of improved work methods, tools and systems
- Updates databases and web pages
- Participates on multi-disciplinary project/work teams
- Collaborates in the development of training tools and materials and the organization of workshops/seminars etc.
- Participates in the organization, conduct and follow-up of meetings, consultations and conferences, the development/production of required materials and the provision of information and assistance to partners

Specific Functions

- Collects data of crop production and analyses technical issues on the provisioning of multiple goods and services from ecological intensification, as an evidence base for providing guidance to national governments.
- Develops strategies and proposals to enable follow-up to the International Symposium on Agroecology in the Food Security and Nutrition, on regional levels.
- Coordinates specific deliverables on capacity-building, outreach and policy analysis for linking farmland biodiversity and ecological intensification.
- Contributes to the review of existing science-farmer interfaces and the development of new approaches and platforms to link science with farmers and especially local and indigenous communities.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced University degree in Agricultural Development, Political Science or International Affairs
- Three years of relevant experience in relation to project management with emphasis on sustainable agriculture and

- ecological intensification, preferably at the international level
- 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, particularly in field positions is desirable.
- Knowledge and experience in sustainable agriculture, international development, policy analysis and ecological intensification and agroecological approaches.
- Relevance of academic qualifications and experience.
- Demonstrated experience in quantitatively and qualitatively analysing technical issues, establishing an evidence base, and writing concise reports and documents related to sustainable agriculture and agroecology in international development.
- Proven ability to carry out policy analysis related to agricultural production.
- Experience in developing strategies, and coordinating training courses and workplans.

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- All candidates should possess computer/word processing skills.
- Evaluation of qualified candidates may include an assessment exercise which will be followed by a competency-based interview.
- Your application will be screened based on the information provided in your iRecruitment online profile (see “*How to Apply*”). We strongly recommend that you ensure that the information is accurate and complete including employment record, academic qualifications and language skills.
- Please note that FAO will only consider academic credentials or degrees obtained from an educational institution recognised in the IAU/UNESCO list.
- Other similar positions at the same level may be filled from this vacancy notice and the endorsed candidates will be considered for the Employment Roster for a period of 2 years.
- Candidates may be requested to provide performance assessments.

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

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

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