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Deadline For Application: 28 January 2016

POSITION TITLE:	Project Coordinator (Sustainable Agriculture)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-4
		DUTY STATION:	Rome, Italy
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Agriculture and Consumer Protection Department	DURATION *:	Fixed-term:1 year (renewable)
	Plant Production and Protection Division (AGP)	POST NUMBER:	unidentified
	Pest and Pesticide Management Team (AGPMC)	CCOG CODE:	1H01

*The length of appointment for internal FAO candidates will be established in accordance with applicable policies pertaining to the extension of appointments

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 and protection policies and practices in order to increase production in a sustainable manner, to eradicate hunger while preserving natural resources and improving livelihoods.

The post is located in the Pest and Pesticide Management Team (AGPMC), one of six teams in the Division.

The incumbent will coordinate implementation of activities in AGPMC on sustainable production intensification under a variety of projects. This will include coordinating the Integrated Production and Pest Management (IPPM) Programme in West Africa and its various projects, and serving as Chief Technical Adviser to a regional project on sustainable cotton intensification in Africa. Cost of the incumbent will be shared by the different projects.

Reporting Lines

The incumbent will work under the general supervision of the leader of the AGPMC Team.

Technical Focus

Promotion of sustainable intensification of crop production. Integrated Production and Pest Management, Farmers field schools in francophone and Anglophone countries.

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

- Provides technical oversight and supervision to the project and represent FAO on the project steering committee;
- Provides policy advice and technical assistance to countries, to support small holders in developing sustainable production systems that are resilient/adapted to climate change;
- Supports the development and delivery of projects that include Farmer Field School approaches to community-based learning;

- Collaborates with regional organizations such as the Permanent Committee of the Inter-states in fight against the draught in Sahel (Comité permanent Inter-Etats de Lutte contre la Sécheresse dans le Sahel (CILSS)) in the development and implementation of integrated approaches to production including promotion of alternatives to hazardous pesticides and integrated pest management.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced University Degree in development, agriculture or pest management
- Seven years of experience related to farmer field schools, provision of advice and technical assistance for agricultural policy, preferably in West Africa
- Working knowledge of both French and English

Competencies

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

Technical/Functional Skills

- Extent and relevance of experience in providing policy advice and technical assistance to countries to support small holders in developing sustainable production systems that are resilient/adapted to climate change
- Extent of knowledge and experience in the development, management and evaluation of Farmer Field Schools approaches, particularly in countries in Western Africa
- Extent of experience in developing guidelines, training materials and programmes in support of integrated production and pest management including integrated pest management
- Extent and relevance of experience of managing and implementing technically diverse partnership programmes as a leader of the team
- Knowledge of procedures and policies of the European Union and FAO on sustainable agriculture

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.

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REMUNERATION

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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/>

Send your application to:

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