



Deadline For Application: 06 August 2012

POSITION TITLE:	Programme Specialist – Implementation Review and Support System (IRSS)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-4
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Plant Production and Protection Division, AGP Agriculture & Consumer Protection Department, AG	DUTY STATION:	Rome
		DURATION *:	1 year (extension possible if funds are available)
		POST CODE/N°:	unidentified
		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 IPPC Secretariat in Team AGPMI in the Plant Production and Protection Division (AGP).

Main Purpose/contacts

The programme specialist - IRSS, AGPMI will provide technical expertise and contribute to the technical design and delivery of the Implementation Review and Support System (IRSS) programme of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) in support of sustainable crop production intensification (SCPI).

Supervision Received/Exercised

The Programme Specialist will work under the general direction of the Director AGP and the direct supervision of the leader of the AGPMI Team.

Main Duties and Responsibilities

As a member of the AGPMI team, the programme specialist will organize, plan, deliver advice and provide programme management support to member countries of the IPPC in the context of sustainable crop production intensification and in particular perform the following tasks:

- Identify and analyze critical challenges and threats for the implementation of the IPPC and its Standards at national and regional levels in support of sustainable crop production intensification and food security;
- Develop targeted strategies of mitigation and adaptation to respond to these challenges and threats;
- Formulate and implement projects to deliver a programme of work to review and support implementation of the IPPC and its Standards in the context of sustainable crop production;
- Build monitoring and reporting systems that provide critical information to key stakeholders at national, regional and international levels on key factors impacting implementation of the IPPC and its Standards in support of sustainable crop production;
- Create and engage in networks of collaboration amongst technical specialists to promote awareness of the IRSS and IPPC and programme coordination;
- Advise the Division and the IPPC governing body on key issues of overall programme performance and emerging trends that affect programme direction;
- Represent the Organization and Division in international meetings on technical issues/challenges to the implementation of the IPPC Strategic framework and work programme in support 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 agricultural science
- Seven years experience in plant protection at national and international levels
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent of knowledge and relevant experience in the scope of work of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC)
- Demonstrated skills in the analysis of technical issues for policy development
- Extent and relevance of experience in the management of technical phytosanitary projects and programmes
- Extent of experience in and ability to negotiate and cooperate with senior officials in national governments, inter-governmental organizations and other institutions and in building collaborative networks and joint programmes
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively in a multidisciplinary team and to build team cohesion in a multicultural environment
- Planning and organizational ability and experience in preparing and managing intergovernmental meetings and workshops

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

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: Carefully read and follow the Guidelines to applicants

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