

**Call for applications: Train the Trainer workshop: Obsolete pesticides Inventory,
Environmental Risk Assessment and Safeguarding**

The FAO Pesticide Risk Reduction Group works with developing countries and countries with economies in transition to help them eliminate stocks of obsolete pesticides and prevent recurrence of similar problems in the future through sound pest and pesticide management. Currently, the Pesticide Risk Reduction Group supports project implementation in Iran, Jordan, Lebanon, Pakistan, Syria and Turkey as well as for regional projects in Middle East or Arab Gulf Cooperation Council Countries. The FAO Programme is also supporting activities in Latin America, Africa, Eastern Europe, Asia and Caribbean and Pacific countries

The wide geographic scope and expansion of activities carried out by the Pesticide Risk Reduction Group is stretching the capacity of the Programme staff, and we are therefore seeking to expand the roster of consultants that can support our field work.

Typically consultancies will range in scope from 1-6 weeks, although in some cases they may extend for longer periods. Consultants may be required to deliver training, supervise field work, support project design, carry out scoping studies and support project implementation. The subject areas to be addressed may include:

- Inventory of obsolete pesticides;
- Environmental Risk Assessment;
- Safeguarding (repackaging) of obsolete pesticides;
- Planning of field activities for inventory, risk assessment, repackaging, transport, storage, international shipment and destruction of obsolete pesticides;
- Capacity building for improved pesticide management (e.g. regulation, import controls, storage, distribution, use, waste management);
- Implementation of the International Code of Conduct on the Distribution and Use of Pesticides and other relevant multilateral agreements;
- Reduced reliance on pesticides in pest management (agriculture and health);

It is not expected that any single consultant will be an expert in all these fields and FAO will ensure anyone asked to support activities is qualified and experienced to do so and is familiar with the rules and procedures of FAO or other organizations that are relevant to the task.

To this end, the Pesticide Risk Reduction Group intends to hold a Training of Trainers (ToT) workshop focussing on inventory, environmental risk assessment and safeguarding of obsolete pesticides. **This letter is an invitation for you to apply, or to nominate someone to participate in the ToT workshop.** Please read the criteria below and ensure that you are able to meet them before applying.

The workshop will take place in a country of the Middle East region from **28 November to 10 December 2011**. Travel and subsistence will be covered by the organizers, but no honorarium will be paid to participants. A maximum of 15 participants will be invited and if more than 15 consultants apply, a selection process will be applied to ensure that the best qualified, experienced and motivated individuals attend.

If you are interested in participating, please complete the attached Personal History Form and write a one page letter explaining why you wish to participate in the training. In the letter you should indicate the likely extent of your availability for consultancies following the training. Applicants from Lebanon and Pakistan are particularly encouraged to apply.

If you have any questions related to this training please contact our group by email (OPGroup@fao.org) or telephone (+39 06 5705 3372).

Application must be post by mail (OPGroup@fao.org) by **17:00 (Rome time) on Friday 4 November 2011**

Criteria for Pesticide Risk Reduction Trainees

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- University Degree in Chemistry, Environmental Science, Agriculture or in a related subject matter;
- Five years of relevant experience in project implementation of pesticide, chemical or hazardous waste management related projects;
- Working knowledge of English and either Arabic or another language spoken in the Middle East and South Asia Region;
- Commitment to stay at least for 5 years in the topical field;
- Skills and interest in training other people.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent and relevance of working experience in developing countries and countries with economies in transition;
- Relevance of academic background;
- Extent of familiarity with the Middle East and South Asia Region;
- Extent of experience in training and supervision of field activities;
- Extent of experience of waste and environmental management, pesticide management and pest management;
- Quality of both written and oral presentation skills;
- Demonstrated ability to work under pressure, plan, organize and operate independently.

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.