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POSITION TITLE:	Secretary Commission for controlling the Desert Locust in the Western Region	GRADE LEVEL:	P-4
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	SUB-REGIONAL OFFICE FOR THE NORTH- AFRICA (SNE)	DUTY STATION:	Algiers, ALGERIA
		DURATION *:	Fixed Term: 3 years
		POST CODE/N ^o :	0123811
		CCOG CODE:	1H01

Applications from qualified women as well as from qualified nationals of non- and under-represented countries are encouraged. 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 duty stations within the region depending on the evolving needs of the Organization.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the supervision of the Coordinator of the Sub-regional FAO Office for North-Africa (SNE), the overall guidance of the Director of the Plant Production and Protection Division (AGPM) and the immediate guidance of the Senior Officer- Transboundary Plant Pests, AGPM, the incumbent will act as Secretary of the Western Region Commission (CLCPRO) and Coordinator of the Emergency Prevention System for Transboundary Animal and Plant Pests and Diseases (EMPRES)-Western Region Programme. In particular he/she will:

- coordinate CLCPRO activities, including organization of regular Commission sessions and Executive Committee meetings; monitoring of budgetary matters related to the Commission Trust Fund; implementation of the recommendations of the Commission; and reporting;
- assist the member countries, in their efforts to ensure the sustainability of the preventive control strategy implemented in the Western Region (WR) through their permanent National Locust Control Units (NLCUs), regional solidarity, regular payments to the CLCPRO Trust Fund and any other relevant efforts at institutional level;
- assist the NLCUs of all member countries in technical and organizational aspects to further improve and update the preventive strategy and related locust management;
- promote activities for introducing biological locust control techniques and define areas of restricted/prohibited use of conventional pesticides;
- collaborate with the two other Desert Locust Commissions in the central and eastern regions (CRC and SWAC), including to facilitate the introduction of new technologies for preventive control through regular independent assessments of technical innovations and new locust control equipment;
- promote, strengthen and facilitate regional and inter-regional cooperation and coordination, including by appropriate and timely sharing of information in close collaboration with the Desert Locust Information Service (DLIS), organizing joint activities such as cross-border surveys, workshops, regular ToT training courses and practical field simulations;
- ensure the coordination of the EMPRES-WR Programme, in coherence with the activities planned by the CLCPRO; in particular organize meetings and activities scheduled in the framework of EMPRES-WR; monitor EMPRES-WR budgetary matters; supervise the experts and consultants contributing to Programme implementation; support countries in Programme activities when required; and contribute to fund raising;
- promote and develop the use of critical tools with regard to disaster risk preparedness and contingency planning related to locust issues and emergencies, and monitor the locust response capacities in the front-line countries, incl. through practical simulations;
- foster and promote interaction among member countries through regular exchange of information and experience to monitor locust emergency preparedness and to update rosters and information on survey and control capacities, including pesticide stocks and any structural and managerial change of the NLCUs;
- maintain and up-date the CLCPRO-EMPRES website;
- develop and prepare, in close collaboration with the affected countries and the responsible of the relevant FAO HQ and decentralized entities, strategies and project proposals in case of Desert Locust emergencies;
- enhance collaboration with partner organizations such as OCHA, UNDP, WFP and other UN agencies specialized in Desert Locust emergency interventions;
- ensure the management of the staff in the office;
- perform any other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced University Degree in entomology or equivalent
- Seven years of relevant experience in locust management
- Working knowledge of two of the three following languages, Arabic, English and French

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent of field experience in Desert Locust affected countries
- Depth of understanding and experience with the development and implementation of preventive locust strategies, early warning, contingency planning, emergency preparedness and rapid response carried out in the respect of human health and the environment
- Relevance of experience in fund raising; project/programme identification, planning, implementation, monitoring and management including budget management
- 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
- Planning and organizational ability and experience in preparing and managing intergovernmental meetings and workshops including training workshops
- Demonstrated managerial skills and experience in working in multidisciplinary teams and in a multicultural environment
- Quality of both oral and written communication skills in two of the three following languages, Arabic, English and French. Limited knowledge of the third one will be an asset

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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