



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

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POSITION TITLE:	Agricultural Research, Extension and Education Officer	GRADE LEVEL:	P-4
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific	DUTY STATION:	Bangkok, Thailand
	RAP	DURATION *:	Fixed-term: 2 years
		POST CODE/N°:	0105430
		CCOG CODE:	1H01

Applications from qualified women as well as from qualified nationals of non-and under-represented member 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 overall managerial and administrative supervision of the Assistant Director-General/Regional Representative (ADG/RR) for Asia and the Pacific, the functional guidance of the Research and Extension Group, NRDR, and in close coordination with the Group Coordinators of the Agriculture and Food Systems Group (RAPTA) and the Natural Resources and Environment Group (RAPTN), the incumbent will be responsible for the promotion of agricultural research, extension, and education for development and rural youth programmes and activities in the Region. The incumbent will also contribute to strengthening partnership and knowledge networks within and outside the Organization, supporting country-level actions guided by FAO's Country Programme Framework (CPF) as well as increasing South-South and triangular cooperation. In particular, the incumbent will:

- support country-level actions guided by FAO's Country Programming Frameworks (CPFs), subregional and regional priority frameworks and higher-level strategic frameworks of the Organization in order to transform FAO's knowledge products into country-level results and impacts;
- participate in agricultural sector reviews and assess the need for strengthening agricultural innovation systems, research, extension, and education for development and rural youth programmes at the country, subregional and regional levels; contribute to the promotion of agricultural research, extension and education programmes, projects and other activities at the country, subregional and regional level;
- provide technical advice to governments, institutions, NGOs, academia and other relevant stakeholders on issues related to agricultural research, extension and education policy and programmes within the context of sustainable rural and agricultural development;
- promote and implement participatory, gender-sensitive, client-oriented and pluralistic extension approaches and cost-effective methodologies, research-extension-farmers linkages, training and extension programmes;
- contribute to the promotion of regional partnerships and networking and regional participation in global partnerships for the development of capacities in the field of agricultural innovation;
- provide advice and technical assistance to improve the relevance of curriculum, quality of the teaching and learning processes and the overall approach to the management of educational institutions focusing on agriculture and related subjects;
- provide technical advice and backstopping on the design and implementation of FAO projects and programme activities at the country, subregional and regional levels in the areas of agricultural research, extension, education and rural youth;
- support the preparation and organization of meetings, seminars, and workshops at the country, sub-regional and regional level;
- collaborate with NRDR and other FAO divisions through inter-disciplinary activities and liaise with APPARI, CGIR institutions, academic institutions and other UN agencies and regional and international organizations and relevant networks in the Region in the implementation of programmes in the above areas;
- perform other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced University Degree in an area related to agriculture, research, extension, education or related field
- Seven years of relevant experience in agricultural research, or extension and education programmes
- Working knowledge of English and a limited knowledge of Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian or Spanish

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Level of academic qualifications
- Extent of, and relevance of experience in agricultural research, extension and education concepts, policies and issues
- Extent of experience in organizing and participating in international meetings related to agricultural research, extension and education programmes
- Demonstrated supervisory and managerial skills
- Good communication skills, both orally and in writing
- Demonstrated capacity to work in teams and maintain effective working relationships with institutions, networks and agencies

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

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<http://www.fao.org/employment/irecruitment-access/en/>

and complete the on-line application

In order for your application to be properly evaluated, please ensure that all sections of the on-line application are completed.

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