



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

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Deadline For Application: 10 January 2014

POSITION TITLE:	Junior Professional Officer (Crops)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-1
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Regional Office for Africa (RAF)	DUTY STATION:	Accra, Ghana
		DURATION *:	Fixed Term: 2 years
		POST CODE/N°:	unidentified
		CCOG CODE:	1.H

**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 activities and/or duty stations depending on the evolving needs of the Organization.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the overall guidance of the Assistant Director-General/Regional Representative, RAF, the supervision of the Team Leader for the Agriculture Technical Unit at RAF (AG-RAFT) and direct technical guidance of the Plant Production and Protection Officer for RAF, the incumbent will contribute to the implementation of activities to support sustainable crop production intensification (SCPI) in response to the achievement of FAO's Strategic objectives and the needs of the region as defined by the Regional priorities. In particular, the incumbent will:

- contribute to the provision of technical input in the development of national strategies, plans and programmes to support the promotion of Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) in the context of achieving Sustainable Crop Production Intensification (SCPI) in line with the "Save and Grow";
- assist in the provision of technical input for capacity development of the National Plant Protection Organisations, the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) and the Inter-Africa Photo-sanitary Council (IAPSC) for improved implementation of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC);
- compile and review status of Pesticide Risk Reduction programs/activities to assess capacity needs for strengthening holistic pesticide management in the region in line with the international norms and standards for achieving SCPI in the region;
- assist in the revision of the existing crop commodity networks in the region for establishing contacts and contribute in the determination of areas of specialisation and potential synergies with RAF programs particularly for the maize and cassava value chains;
- assist in the preparation of technical documents as appropriate for preparation of guidelines, publications and awareness raising materials on food losses and waste;
- perform other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced university degree in agriculture, crop sciences, crop protection or related fields
- One year of relevant experience in crop production and protection in Africa
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Russian, Arabic or Chinese

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Relevance of experience in project/programme formulation and implementation in crop production and protection preferably in Africa
- Ability to plan and organize own work, deliver results and meet deadlines
- Ability to work effectively within a team, supporting others, and fostering a positive team environment
- Commitment to continual improvement of knowledge, skills and abilities
- Ability to write clear and concise technical documents
- Excellent oral and written communication skills

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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