Issued on: **01 August 2014**
Deadline For Application: **12 September 2014**

POSITION TITLE:	**Livestock Policy Officer (Livestock production systems)**	**GRADE LEVEL:**	**P-4**
		DUTY STATION:	**Rome, Italy**
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	**Livestock Information, Sector Analysis and Policy Branch, AGAL**	**DURATION:**	**Fixed Term: 2 years**
	Animal Production and Health Division, AGA	**POST NUMBER:**	**2000554**
	Agriculture & Consumer Protection Department, AG	**CCOG CODE:**	**1H01**

Organizational Setting

The Animal Production and Health Division (AGA) promotes and facilitates the sustainable development of the livestock sector, integrating scientific and technical expertise and policy advice. It hosts technical networks in area of animal health, genetics, feed and animal husbandry and provides analysis, policy dialogue (incl. intergovernmental bodies) and technical assistance. It also supports emergency responses, mostly in animal health.

The post is located in the Livestock Information, Sector Analysis and Policy Branch (AGAL). AGAL provides livestock sector analysis with a particular focus on poverty reduction, climate change and resource use, and on animal health issues, also in relation to environmental and human health. It provides policy support and guidance to countries and stakeholders in the livestock sector, and facilitates policy dialogue among stakeholders.

Reporting Lines

The Livestock Policy Officer reports to the Chief, AGAL

Technical Focus

FAO's corporate livestock systems analysis and data management in support of sustainable livestock development.

Key Results

- Technical and policy expertise to support the planning, development and implementation of Departmental programmes, projects, products and services in accordance with (Departmental and) FAO Strategic Objectives

Key Functions

- Plans and leads components of multi-disciplinary teams, leads and/or participates on Organization-wide, cross-Departmental committees, project teams, and working groups and/or provides specialized expertise on technical networks and/or international technical policy and/or international technical policy and standard setting bodies.
- Develops technical, analysis, assessment, monitoring and/or reporting frameworks, and related methodologies, tools, systems and databases etc. to support the planning, implementation/delivery and monitoring of programmes of work, projects, products and/or services.
- Designs and conducts research, data collection, validation, analysis and/or reporting activities to support the development of technical standards, international instruments, innovative cross-sector approaches, new tools, technologies, technical reports/publications, and/or policy proposals as well as the provision of technical/policy/ specialist/advice and expertise.
- Responds to Member Country requests for technical and/or policy assistance, provides technical advice, assistance and solutions to Decentralized Offices and provides technical backstopping to field projects
- Collaborates in, provides technical backstopping to and ensures the quality / effectiveness of capacity development and knowledge sharing activities within member countries such as policy support, organizational development and individual learning events including preparation of related information, learning materials, on-line tools.
- Promotes international cooperation/advocates best practices, increased policy dialogue and provides technical expertise at international/intergovernmental meetings.
- Participates in resource mobilization activities in accordance with the FAO Corporate strategy.

Specific Functions

- Leads livestock system analyses and related database development of common interest to AGA and FAO at large:
  - maintain and develop divisional information databases on livestock numbers, spatial distribution, production systems as well as related thematic areas such as natural resources, climate change, poverty, health and economics;
  - analyse livestock statistics, data and spatial information relating to the evolving livestock systems and its interfaces with the environment, public and animal health and socio-economic development;
- Establishes partnerships with key organisations in the area of livestock system analysis and information, such as the International Livestock Research Institute, the International Food Policy Research Institute and the World Bank and other;

- Advises countries and FAO colleagues in decentralised offices on data collection and analysis for sustainable livestock development;
- Prepares and disseminates data and analyses on the livestock sector and advises the Division on data management.

Candidates will be assessed against the following

Minimum Requirements
- Advanced university degree in veterinary, agricultural, environmental or biological science, or geography with specialization in statistical and GIS analysis or related field
- Seven years of relevant experience in the analysis of agricultural sector related issues and trends, information management and analysis, including in the areas of geographical information systems, data collection and management
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese, Russian

Competencies
- Results Focus
- Team Work
- Communication
- Building effective relationships
- Knowledge Sharing and Continuous Improvement

Technical/Functional Skills
- Extent and relevance of experience in analysing agriculture and livestock production systems and related issues
- Extent and relevance of experience in spatial information systems and spatial analysis
- Work experience in more than one location or area of work, particularly in field positions is desirable

Please note that all candidates should adhere to FAO Values of *Commitment to FAO, Respect for All* and *Integrity and Transparency.*

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- All candidates should possess computer/word processing skills.
- Evaluation of qualified candidates may include an assessment exercise which will be followed by a competency-based interview.
- Your application will be screened based on the information provided in your iRecruitment online profile (see "*How to Apply*"). We strongly recommend that you ensure that the information is accurate and complete including employment record, academic qualifications and language skills.
- Please note that FAO will only consider academic credentials or degrees obtained from an educational institution recognised in the IAU/UNESCO list.
- Other similar positions at the same level may be filled from this vacancy notice and the endorsed candidates will be considered for the Employment Roster for a period of 2 years.
- Candidates may be requested to provide performance assessments.

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/

HOW TO APPLY

- To apply, visit the iRecruitment website at http://www.fao.org/employment/irecruitment-access/en/ and complete your online profile. Only applications received through iRecruitment will be considered.
- Candidates are requested to attach to the online profile a letter of motivation.
- Vacancies will be removed from iRecruitment at 23:59 Central European Time (CET) on the deadline for applications date. We encourage applicants to submit the application well before the deadline date.

If you need help, or have queries, please contact: iRecruitment@fao.org

FAO IS A NON-SMOKING ENVIRONMENT