**Organizational Setting**

The Animal Production and Health Division (AGA) assists member countries in the sustainable development of the livestock sector and in optimizing its contribution to nutrition, food security and rural poverty reduction, integrating scientific and technical expertise and policy advice. It provides a coordination role and hosts technical networks in the areas of, animal health, genetics, animal husbandry, feed, support to emergency preparedness and response. The Division facilitates policy dialogue (incl. intergovernmental bodies), manages knowledge and provides information, analysis and technical assistance for the development and implementation of innovative solutions to produce safe animal products more efficiently and more responsibly.

The post is located in the Animal Health Service (AGAH). The FAO Animal Health Service (AGAH) is primarily concerned with aspects related to the prevention, detection and timely response to health threats of animal origin (zoonotic diseases, transboundary animal diseases, production diseases, diseases of wildlife, arthropod-borne diseases, food safety, antimicrobial resistance) that affect public health or efficiencies, sustainable livestock production and conservation efforts. AGAH capacity development work ensures the strengthening of veterinary systems at national and regional level and bridges agriculture development, public health and ecosystem health.

**Reporting Lines**

The Animal Health Officer reports to the Chief, Animal Health Service.

**Key Results**

Comprehensive technical and policy expertise to support the planning, development and implementation of Departmental/Division programmes, projects, products and services in accordance with Departmental/Division objectives 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, analytical, monitoring and 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 approaches and strategies, new tools, technologies, technical reports/publications, and/or policy proposals as well as the provision of technical/policy/ specialist/advice and expertise.
- Responds to country requests for technical and 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/adopts 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**

- Participates in the coordination and development of prevention and control strategies related to zoonotic diseases, animal production related food safety, antimicrobial resistant pathogens, residues and contaminants;
- Contributes to the development of surveillance systems and the collection and analysis of relevant data;
- Plans, organizes and participates in technical meetings, expert consultations and seminars;
- Develops materials for creating awareness of the impact of zoonotic/food-borne diseases and antimicrobial resistant organisms;
- Collaborates with the Tripartite (FAO-OIE-WHO) and other international and regional stakeholders working on antimicrobial resistance, veterinary public health/food safety policies or intervention strategies;
Develops and ensures delivery of training programmes and continuing professional development in epidemiology and management of major zoonotic/food-borne diseases and AMR; 
Reviews and maintains up-to-date the FAO VPH website and the FAO VPH bulletin.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements
- Advanced university degree in veterinary medicine and an advanced university degree in veterinary public health, epidemiology, pharmacology and regulatory medicine, or related field
- Seven years of relevant experience in animal veterinary/public health, infectious disease management, including regulatory aspects, standard setting, and application of One Health
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese, Russian

Competencies
- Results Focus
- Teamwork
- Communication
- Building Effective Relationships
- Knowledge Sharing and Continuous Improvement

Technical/Functional Skills
- Work experience in more than one location or area of work, particularly in field positions is desirable
- Extent and relevance of experience in international animal health (regulatory and developmental) programmes
- Extent and relevance of experience in prevention and control of animal diseases, in particular zoonotic diseases and antimicrobial resistant pathogens
- Extent and relevance of experience in veterinary public health projects and programmes management
- Extent and relevance of experience in different countries and regions, especially in developing countries and countries in transition
- Ability to mobilize resources

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

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- 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.
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