



**Food and Agriculture Organization  
of the United Nations**

## **CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

### **National Laboratory Expert**

Emergency Centre for Trans-boundary Animal Diseases (ECTAD)  
FAO Representation in Ethiopia  
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Contract duration: 6 months with possibility of extension subject to satisfactory performance and availability of funds

Vacancy No. **IRC3296**

Deadline for Applications: 06 April 2016

### **Tasks and responsibilities:**

Within the framework of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Emergency Centre for Trans boundary Animal Disease Operations (ECTAD), under the overall supervision of the Chief Veterinary Officer (CVO)/Chief, Animal Health Service (AGAH)/, the functional and administrative supervision of the FAO Representative in Ethiopia, the direct supervision of the ECTAD Senior Technical Coordinator in Ethiopia, in collaboration with the ECTAD Regional Team for East Africa, the ECTAD Ethiopia team and the EMPRES-Lab unit at FAO HQs, the incumbent will undertake the following duties and responsibilities:

- Contribute to the preparation of country strategies and programme for the management of high impact emerging and re-emerging zoonotic and non-zoonotic disease in line with the national priorities and FAO's Strategic Objectives
- Contribute to the design and implementation of national strategies and programmes/projects following EMPRES/ECTAD strategies, in line with the FAO/ OIE Global Framework for the Progressive Control of TADs and Regional priorities
- Coordinate the implementation of activities relevant to laboratory aspects of the USAID EPT-2 programme as a basis to mitigate the high (current/potential) impact of emerging and re-emerging zoonotic and non-zoonotic diseases in Ethiopia at the livestock-wildlife-human interface. These include:
  - ✓ Contribute in the framing and the implementation of diagnostic protocols to support surveillance plans
  - ✓ Ensure effective implementation of laboratory testing protocols for pathogen bio surveillance as agreed with EMPRES/lab Unit and other EPT-2 implementing partners including PREDICT-2
  - ✓ Supervise the assessment of national laboratory veterinary capacity for pathogen testing of samples from livestock and livestock products
  - ✓ Link epidemiological and laboratory findings including positive epidemiological results with virus sequence accession number
  - ✓ Participate in country expert missions on field investigations
  - ✓ Liaise with the DVS and NAHDIC for sample collection from livestock in targeted livestock farming systems, and at critical points along the value chains and at domestic animals-wildlife interfaces using appropriate biosafety/biosecurity measures
  - ✓ Support the collaboration between veterinary laboratory staff and field epidemiologists;
  - ✓ Supervise the preparation of lists of appropriate laboratory items for procurement for Ethiopia, along with draft technical specifications, taking into account laboratory requests when needed and monitor their good delivery to beneficiary laboratories.
- Contribute to provide regular updates of TADs epidemiology situation in the country
- Support the establishment and strengthening of a functional national epidemiology and laboratory network in Ethiopia
- Contribute to Laboratory capacity assessments using the FAO laboratory mapping tool (LMT)
- Support country participation to Proficiency Tests

- In consultation with relevant national partners, prepare specifications for the procurement of laboratory consumables and related non-expendable equipment
- Develop a laboratory inventory sheet to enable real-time monitoring of expendable supplies used in diagnostic testing
- Participate in animal health emergency preparedness and contingency planning exercises, or table top scenarios, as needed
- Provide immediate notification to the Senior Technical Coordinator, of any significant diagnostic test results
- Assist in the organization of planned training workshops, simulation exercise and meetings and other technical meetings, as needed
- Contribute to the preparation of regular reports on the progress of the implementation of projects implemented by ECTAD Ethiopia for FAO, donors or other stakeholders
- Submit a final technical report upon completion of the assignment to the ECTAD Senior Technical Coordinator and the FAOR
- Perform other related duties as required.

## **Candidates should meet the following requirements:**

### **Minimum Requirements**

- Advanced University Degree (MSc) in Veterinary Medicine, Laboratory Sciences, Veterinary Laboratory Sciences or closely related field;
- Minimum of seven years relevant professional experience in animal health laboratory diagnostics or a related field
- Excellent English skills (writing and speaking) and excellent knowledge of the most widely used local language

### **Selection criteria**

- Candidates should be nationals of Ethiopia
- Extensive knowledge on veterinary Laboratory Sciences and Techniques
- Extensive knowledge of main aspects of prevention and control of high impact emerging & re-emerging zoonotic & non-zoonotic disease
- Extensive experience in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of surveillance networks of animal diseases
- Structuring and drafting skills to make information accessible and meaningful to expected users

### **Additional Information**

FAO seeks gender, geographical and linguistic diversity in its staff and international consultants in order to best serve FAO Members in all regions.

All candidates should adhere to FAO values of Commitment to FAO, Respect for All and Integrity and Transparency.

### **How to apply**

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