



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

## Vacancy Announcement No: IRC3751

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**Deadline For Application:** 14 February 2017

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<b>Position Title:</b>	Agricultural Officer	<b>Grade Level:</b>	P-4
		<b>Duty Station:</b>	Italy, Rome
<b>Organizational Unit:</b>	International Plant Protection Convention, IPPC Agriculture and Consumer protection Department, AG	<b>Duration *:</b>	Fixed term: two years with possibility of extension
		<b>Post Number:</b>	0080861
		<b>CCOG Code:</b>	1H01

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The length of appointment for internal FAO candidates will be established in accordance with applicable policies pertaining to the extension of appointments

**Qualified female applicants and qualified nationals of non-and under-represented member countries are encouraged to apply.  
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.**

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### Organizational Setting

The International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) is an international agreement on plant health with adherence of over 180 contracting parties, which aims to protect cultivated and wild plants by preventing the introduction and spread of plant pests. The Secretariat of the IPPC, provided by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, is responsible for facilitating the development and implementation of International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs) to fulfil the IPPC's mandates.

### Reporting Lines

The Agricultural Officer reports to the Secretary to the International Plant Protection Convention, IPPC.

### Technical Focus

The Agriculture Officer should have a solid overview of global, regional and national phytosanitary systems as well as phytosanitary development issues. The Agriculture Officer will provide leadership to support and maintain a high functioning and integrated IPPC Secretariat. The Agriculture Officer will also be responsible for providing guidance to IPPC Contracting Parties on implementing their reporting obligations as well as providing guidance to the Secretary on maintaining and developing strategic partnerships in line with both IPPC and FAO strategic objectives, as well as the UN's Sustainable development Goals.

### 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, 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

- Represents IPPC in international fora within phytosanitary areas.
- Oversees and facilitates activities in the IPPC Secretariat focused on maintaining a highly integrated and flexible workforce in line with guidance and priorities set by the CPM in support of Contracting Parties for the effective implementation of the Convention's obligations for national reporting.
- Manages the National Reporting Obligations Advisory Group, including facilitating the IPPC national reporting obligations process and related interpretation, translation and publishing.
- Manages activities for the IPPC Secretariat related to dispute settlement and avoidance, information management and advocacy.
- Coordinates the IPPC Network (RPPOs and NPPOs) and international cooperation.
- Contributes to the overall governance of the IPPC including facilitating governing bodies, and related meetings, and providing strategic direction related to national reporting obligations and partnerships.
- Leads and contributes technically to the implementation of FAO's and IPPC's strategic framework.

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### CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

#### Minimum Requirements

- Advanced University degree in agronomy, plant science with specialization in plant health, crop improvement, crop science or related field.
- Seven years of relevant experience in internationally on phytosanitary matters with public or private sector institutions, international organizations.
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Russian, Arabic or Chinese.

#### Competencies

- Results Focus
- Teamwork
- Communication
- Building Effective Working 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
- Relevance of experience with phytosanitary programmes and information systems at national, regional and/or global levels
- Depth of knowledge of the IPPC and other international treaties regarding phytosanitary matters and trade in plants and plant products and their links with the IPPC and ISPMs
- Extent and relevance of experience in facilitating governance of an international convention and the support for leading the organization of meetings governing bodies as well as technical bodies.

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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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### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- All candidates should possess computer/word processing skills
- 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
- The incumbent may be re-assigned to different activities and/or duty stations depending on the evolving needs of the Organization.

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### REMUNERATION

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## HOW TO APPLY

To apply, visit the iRecruitment website at <http://www.fao.org/employment/i-recruitment-access/en/> and complete your online profile. Only applications received through iRecruitment will be considered.

Candidates are requested to attach a letter of motivation to the online profile.

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](mailto:iRecruitment@fao.org)

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