



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

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Title: Agronomist

Contract duration: 180 days (when-actually-employed)

Vacancy No. IRC3880

Deadline for Applications: 28 February 2017

Duty station: Manila, Philippines

Tasks and responsibilities:

Under the overall supervision of the FAO Representative, the technical supervision of the Knowledge and Information Management Officer and Lead Technical Officer (LTO) and in close collaboration with the Disaster Risk Reduction/Climate Change Specialist (DRR/CC) Specialist (FAO Philippines), and National Project Coordinator (NPC) (appointed by the Government), the national consultant will undertake the following duties:

- In close consultation with and building on related crop production support tools and outputs of the Philippine Statistics Authority, DA-BAR, PAG-ASA, IRRI and other relevant government agencies and research institutes, take lead in the development of dynamic cropping calendar;
- With support from Sub-seasonal to Seasonal (S2S) Forecast Modelling Expert (International Consultant), conduct literature review on the state of the art in dynamic cropping calendar systems and stock take on the current technical and institutional capacities of the country to develop such systems;
- Assist the Sub-seasonal to Seasonal (S2S) Forecast Modelling Expert (International Consultant) in developing a dynamic cropping calendar model and system suitable for the Philippines;
- Conduct and lead technical workshops on (i) developing and (ii) validating the dynamic cropping calendar method for rice, corn and other key crops;
- Support conduct and facilitation of the inception workshop of the project and national workshop on the roll-out and use of the online platform on Enhanced Production and Risk Management in Agriculture Decision Support System (EPRiMA DSS);
- Conduct in-country regional training workshop for RFOs, and provincial and municipal agricultural officers on the use of the dynamic cropping calendar for the selected pilot area(s);
- Provide technical assistance and inputs to the Management Information Systems Specialist (National Consultant) and Web Development Specialist (National Consultant) on developing an online tool/web application for the dynamic cropping calendar;
- Participate and provide technical inputs during the closed beta testing of the online platform on EPRiMA DSS;
- Document process and develop toolkits and training manuals for the dynamic cropping calendar; and
- Carry out any other relevant duties within his/her technical competence as may be requested by FAO.

Candidates should meet the following requirements:

Minimum Requirements

Education: Advanced degree in agriculture, soil science or rural development, preferably with specialization in DRRM.

Work Experience and Knowledge: At least ten years relevant work experience in advanced crop management techniques, soil and crop suitability, development of decision support and management tools, planning and implementation of DRRM projects.

Language: Working knowledge (Level C) of English

National of the Country of Assignment (PHILIPPINES)

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

All applications are to be made through FAO's [**iRecruitment**](#) system. Click on the link below to access [**iRecruitment**](#), complete your online profile and apply for this Call for Expression of Interest.

<http://www.fao.org/employment/irecruitment-access/en/>

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