



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Vacancy Announcement No: IRC3896

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Deadline For Application: 31 March 2017

Position Title:	Agricultural Officer (Pest And Pesticide Management)	Grade Level:	P-4
		Duty Station:	Italy, Rome
Organizational Unit:	Office of the Director, AGPMD	Duration *:	fixed-term: 1 year, with a possibility of extension
		Post Number:	2006236
		CCOG Code:	1H01

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.

Organizational Setting

The post is located in the Plant Production and Protection Division (AGP). The Division promotes the sustainable intensification of crop production. This requires the integration and harmonization of all appropriate crop production policies and practices within the broader framework of sustainable food and agriculture (SFA) that aims at increasing production and productivity, addressing climate change, and managing natural resources; and enhance rural livelihoods.

The post is based in the Pest and Pesticide Management team (AGPMC), one of 6 teams in AGP. The Team provides advice and guidance in areas of pest management in the context of sustainable crop production intensification, and pesticide management in the context of the implementation of the International Code of Conduct on Pesticide Management.

The Officer will act as project coordinator and lead technical officer for the development and implementation of a portfolio of projects targeting obsolete pesticide management and disposal.

Reporting Lines

The Agricultural Officer reports to the Team Leader of the Pest and Pesticide Management team (AGPMC).

Technical Focus

Risk reduction throughout the pesticide life-cycle with a focus on management and prevention of wastes and contamination originating from pesticide use, including management of obsolete pesticides, contaminated pesticide containers and sites contaminated with pesticides, and prevention of the accumulation of obsolete pesticides through improved pesticide life-cycle management.

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

- Provides technical oversight and supervision of a portfolio of pesticide risk reduction projects with a focus on the management and disposal of obsolete pesticides; contaminated sites and prevention of accumulation of obsolete pesticides through strengthening pesticide lifecycle management and implementation of the Pesticide Stock Management System;
- Develops specifications for and supervise implementation of contracts and Letters of Agreements with project partners,
- Leads the development of GEF and other donor funded projects on risk reduction of POPs and other pesticides as required;
- Develops tools and guidance documents in support of pesticide risk reduction, the International Code of Conduct on Pesticides and management of obsolete pesticides;

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in plant protection, chemistry, environmental science or related field.
- Seven years of relevant experience in management of obsolete pesticides/chemicals, associated wastes and empty containers;
- 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 skills

- Work experience in more than one location or area of work, particularly in field positions is desirable. Extent of experiences with implementation of relevant projects on pesticide risk reduction.
- Extent of knowledge of technical guidelines related to management of obsolete pesticides/chemical and empty containers, and life-cycle management of pesticides.
- Extent of experience in development of operational systems, guidelines and training materials specifically related to obsolete pesticides/chemical, contaminated containers, contaminated sites, and capacity building on pesticide management.
- Demonstrated experience in project coordination, development and implementation.
- Excellent skills in report writing.
- Limited knowledge of Russian or French would be desirable.
- Extent of experience in Anglophone and Francophone African countries, or Eastern Europe and Central Asia is desirable.
- Extent of experience on life-cycle management of pesticides (registration and post registration) 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
- 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

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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 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

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