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Deadline For Application: 6 April 2017

POSITION TITLE:	Agricultural Officer (Tropical Fruits)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-4
		DUTY STATION:	Panama City, Panama
		POST NUMBER:	2006248
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Subregional Office for Mesoamerica, SLM	DURATION:	Fixed-term: 2 years

* 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

FAO's Subregional Office for Mesoamerica is responsible for developing, promoting, overseeing and implementing agreed strategies for addressing subregional food, agriculture and rural development priorities. It develops and maintains relations with subregion-wide institutions including Regional Economic Integration Organizations (REIOs). **It assists the FAO Representations (FAORs) in addressing regional food security, agriculture and rural development issues at country level.** The Subregional Office is a subsidiary of FAO's Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean.

The post is located in the Subregional Office for Mesoamerica in Panama.

Reporting Lines

The Agricultural Officer (Plant Production and Protection, Tropical Fruits) is report administratively to the Subregional Coordinator and receives technical supervision of the Plant Production and protection Division, AGP.

Technical Focus

Plant protection, value-chain improvement, nutrition sensitive, sustainable agri-food systems inclusive, infrastructure development, capacity building and training of human resources.

Key Results

Comprehensive technical, statistical, analytical and/or policy analysis services and the development of specialized tools, methodologies, systems and/or databases to support the planning, implementation/delivery and monitoring of the programme of work and related products, projects, publications, and services.

Key Functions

- Plans and leads components of multi-disciplinary teams, leads and/or participates in internal 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/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

- Identifies tropical fruit issues in the subregion and provide technical support for the promotion of safe and sustainable tropical fruit production, consumption and commerce.
- Designs and conducts periodic reviews and appraisals of the situation of tropical fruit problems in the subregion and advice FAO Members on necessary actions to implement integrated strategies.
- Advises FAO members in training technical personnel through national and subregional training programmes, workshops and seminars related to tropical fruit issues and maintain close relations with international and national research institutions for the transfer of research findings, as well as to suggest research to meet needs at country or country-group level.
- Facilitates exchanges and communications among relevant national and regional actors, including private sector, engaged in tropical fruit production and protection.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in agriculture - crop protection, plant sciences or related field
- Seven years of relevant experience in fruit production or plant production and protection in the region.
- Working knowledge of English and Spanish

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 field experience in tropical fruit production and protection
- Extent and relevance of experience in project/programme formulation and implementation of projects, programmes and studies in the field of tropical fruit production and protection
- Extent and relevance of experience in providing policy advice at local, national, and regional levels
- Extent and relevance of knowledge in the implementation of relevant international instruments
- Ability to organize and conduct technical meetings, conferences and workshops
- Extent and relevance of knowledge and understanding of the work of international organizations and national governments
- 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*.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- All candidates should possess computer/word processing skills.
- Evaluation of qualified candidates may include an assessment exercise which will be followed by a competency-based interview.
- 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.

REMUNERATION

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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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