



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Vacancy Announcement No: IRC4338

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Deadline For Application: 28 July 2017

Position Title:	Agricultural Officer (Plant Production)	Grade Level:	P-4
		Duty Station:	Egypt, Cairo
Organizational Unit:	Outposted Technical Officers Group, RNETD	Duration *:	Fixed term: 2 years (with possibility of extension)
		Post Number:	2002085
		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 Regional Office for RNE is responsible for leading FAO's response to regional priorities for food security, agriculture and rural development through the identification, planning and implementation of FAO's priority activities in the region. It ensures a multidisciplinary approach to programmes, identifies priority areas of action for the Organization in the Region and, in collaboration with departments and divisions at Headquarters, develops, promotes and oversees FAO's strategic response to regional priorities. RNE also advises on the incorporation of regional priorities into the Organization's Programme of Work and Budget and implements approved programmes and projects in the region, monitors the level of programme implementation and draws attention to problems and deficiencies. RNE develops and maintains relations with region-wide institutions including the Regional Economic Integration Organizations (REIOs). The Regional Office supports regional policy dialogue on food security, agriculture and rural development issues, facilitates the emergence of regional partnerships, and supports capacity development and resource mobilization for food security, agriculture and rural development in the region.

The post is located in the Cairo, Egypt.

Reporting Lines

The Agricultural Officer (Plant Production and Protection) reports to the Regional Strategic Programme Coordinator, works in collaboration with the Plant Production and Protection Officer in the Sub-regional Office in Tunisia and under the technical guidance of the Plant Production and Protection Division in HQ.

Technical Focus

Plant Production.

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

- Supports countries in developing programmes and strategies for integrated plant production systems that reflect the specific needs and conditions of the Region.
- Provides technical support and training on the implementation of relevant international agreements and conventions linked to plant production including and the Global Plan of Action on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture and the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources in Food and Agriculture.
- Liaises with international, regional and national research institutions linking the needs of small holder farmers in developing sustainable plant production systems with research activities and outputs.
- Collaborates with regional economic organizations and promotes South-South, TCDC and North South cooperation activities on strategies and programmes linked to sustainable crop production inter-alia Conservation Agriculture, Climate Smart Agriculture, sustainable mechanization, water management, harmonization of seed laws/regulations, seed systems and agro-ecological approaches that promote healthy soils and reduce need for mineral fertilizers.
- Performs other related duties as required.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in agriculture, agronomy, plant science, with specialization in crop production, integrated production systems or related field;
- Seven years of relevant experience in plant production in arid and semi-arid
- 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/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 with the main cropping systems in the Near East Region;
- Extent and relevance of experience in project/programme formulation and implementation of projects, programmes and studies related to integrated plant production systems;
- Extent and relevance of experience in providing policy advice at local, national, and regional levels;
- Extent and relevance of knowledge in the implementation of international instruments related to plant production;
- 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.
- Working knowledge of English and limited knowledge of French and/or Arabic is considered a strong asset.

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

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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