



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT N°: IRC4457

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Deadline For Application: 30 September 2017

JOB TITLE: DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE PESTICIDE EXPERT

TYPE OF CONTRACT: Consultant

DUTY STATION: Rome, Italy

ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: AGP/AGPMC

DURATION: 50 days (WAE), with possibility of extension

FAO seeks gender, geographical and linguistic diversity in its staff and international consultants in order to best serve FAO Members in all regions.

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.

Organizational Setting

The Plant Production and Protection Division (AGP) 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 consultant would be part of 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.

Reporting Lines

The Consultant 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, empty pesticide containers and sites contaminated with pesticides, and prevention of the accumulation of obsolete pesticides through improved pesticide life-cycle management.

Tasks and responsibilities

In the framework of the international FAO/WHO Code of Conduct on pesticide management, under the overall supervision of the Team leader of the Pest and Pesticide Management (AGPMC), and in consultation with relevant AGPMC staff and team members, the international consultant will be involved in the implementation of projects on disposal of obsolete pesticides and empty containers. Activities could cover management of obsolete pesticides, empty pesticide containers and management of sites contaminated with pesticides.

- Collaborate with the various Project Managers (PM) for effective coordination of the consultant's activities and inputs;
- Develop project plan and project management;
- Develop specifications for and supervise implementation of contracts and Letters of Agreements with project partners;
- Respond to requests for technical and policy assistance, provides technical advice, assistance and solutions to implementation of projects on obsolete pesticides and provides technical backstopping to field projects.
- Liaise with the concerned technical division at FAO headquarters (AGP – Pesticide Risk Reduction Group) to obtain advice and orientation;
- Liaise with concerned technical departments at the Ministries of Agriculture (MoA) or of Environment (MoE) to exchange information and generally facilitate collaboration;
- Submit all proposals and technical documents to the PMs and the concerned technical officers for review and clearance;
- Brief the FAO Representatives and senior related staff of MoA/MoE during meetings organized by the projects;
- Undertake any activities that may be requested by the PMs in their fields of expertise;
- After completion of assigned duties during each mission, submit a report of activities to the PMs with copy to the concerned technical officers in FAO, in excellent English or French and in line with FAO's official editorial guidelines to be found <http://www.fao.org/DOCREP/004/AC339e/AC339e00.HTM>

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in Pesticide, Chemistry, Environmental Science or related field;
- Five years of relevant experience in management of obsolete pesticides/chemicals, associated wastes and empty containers;
- Working knowledge of English and limited knowledge of one of the other official languages of the Organization.

FAO Core 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
- Extent and relevance of experience in management of obsolete pesticides/chemicals, associated wastes and empty containers;
- Familiarity with pesticide management issues at a national or regional level
- Working knowledge of French or Spanish would be an 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 applications will be reviewed and qualified applicants will be contacted for interviews.
- FAO does not charge a fee at any stage of the recruitment process (application, interview meeting, processing).
- Incomplete applications will not be considered. If you need help, or have queries, please contact: iRecruitment@fao.org
- Applications received after the closing date will not be accepted.
- Only language proficiency certificates from UN accredited external providers and/or FAO language official examinations (LPE, ILE, LRT) will be accepted as proof of the level of knowledge of languages indicated in the online applications.
- For other issues, visit the FAO employment website: <http://www.fao.org/employment/home/en/>

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.

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