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Deadline For Application: 31 August 2017

JOB TITLE: Plant Production and Protection Specialist

TYPE OF CONTRACT: Consultant

DUTY STATION: Budapest, Hungary

ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: REUTD

DURATION: 30 days (with possibility of extension) by 31 December 2017

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 Regional Office for REU 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. REU 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. 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.

Reporting Lines

Under the overall supervision of the Assistant Director General/FAO Regional Representative, REU, the technical supervision of the FAO Plant Production and Protection Division (AGP) and FAO-REU Agricultural Officer (LTO), in close collaboration with the Plant Production and Protection Team

Technical Focus

Plant production and protection

Tasks and responsibilities

- Assist in conducting periodic reviews and appraisals of the current plant production and protection situation in the sub-region, through studies and surveys;
- Assist in identification, formulation and implementation of plant production (including seed policy and seed systems) and protection development programs and projects;
- Assist in implementation of projects dealing with the strengthening of plant production (including sustainable intensification and diversification of cropping systems, horticulture, breeding, use and conservation of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture (PGRFA), seed production and policy) and plant protection in the sub-region;
- Contribute to publications and presentations related to plant production and protection.
- Perform other related duties as required.

Key Functions

- Support the general work of the Plant Production and Protection team as it is loaded with tasks and activities connected the current projects.
- Assist in the day-to-day management of projects activities as required
- Provide assistance on the preparation of the draft agenda of the closing workshop of the TCP/ARM/3503 project. Support the identification of the resource people for the closing event with close collaboration with the national project team.
- Provide assistance on the preparation of the revised project document connected to the TCP/MOL/3603/C2; plan and advise on the possible additional activities connected the value chain including the production, market research, packaging etc.
- Provide additional technical support on grape production and provide technical assistance on the preparation of the final report for the TCP/ARM/3503 project
- Provide technical support on identification on new production technologies under the TCP/MOL/3603/C2 and provide recommendations for the application of the technologies in the region.
- Carry out any other activities relevant to this assignment

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced University degree in one of the following areas: Agriculture, Agronomy, Plant Breeding, Crop Physiology, Crop Protection or a closely related field;
- Three year of relevant professional working experience in the field of plant production or protection, preferably in an organization dealing with international affairs;
- Working knowledge of English, spoken and written with a capacity to write and edit working documents in English.
- Working knowledge of Russian would be considered an asset;
- Possess excellent information technology skills, including word processing, database applications, presentation software and the Internet;
- Have the ability to think strategically; to express ideas clearly; to work independently and in teams combined with cultural and gender sensitivity;

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 the region
- Familiarity with the working of the international organizations

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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