



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Vacancy Announcement No: IRC4509

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Deadline For Application: 27 September 2017

Position Title:	Agricultural Officer (Plant Production And Protection)	Grade Level:	P-4
		Duty Station:	Lebanon, Beirut
Organizational Unit:	Multi Disciplinary Team, SNMMD	Duration *:	Fixed term: 1 year (with possibility of extension)
		Post Number:	2006497
		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

FAO's Subregional Office for the Mashreq countries (SNM) 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 Representatives (FAORs) in the subregion with addressing subregional food security, agriculture and rural development issues at country level. The Subregional Office is a subsidiary of FAO's Regional Office for the Near East and North Africa (RNE).

The post is located in the Subregional Office for the Mashreq countries in Beirut, Lebanon.

Reporting Lines

The Agricultural Officer (Plant Production and Protection) reports to the Subregional Coordinator under the technical guidance of the Plant Production and Protection Division (AGP), in close coordination with the Plant Production and Plant Protection Officers in RNE and works in close contact with the Regional Programme Leader (RPL), RNE.

Technical Focus

Integrated sustainable crop production systems that build on ecosystem services and increase efficient use of resources while protecting and enhancing agrobiodiversity.

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, in close collaboration with the RPL and concerned colleagues;
- 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, in collaboration with the RPL based in RNE.

Specific Functions

- Provides technical support and training on the implementation of relevant international agreements and conventions including the International Plant Protection Convention, the Rotterdam Convention, the Internal Code of Conduct on Pesticide Management, and the Global Plan of Action on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture.
- Supports countries in developing programmes and strategies for crop production systems that are resilient to the impacts of climate change, enhance and protect agrobiodiversity and contribute to improved food and nutrition security, sustainable diets and improved livelihoods especially for smallholder farmers
- Assists member countries to strengthen and improve their phytosanitary capacity and capabilities in surveillance and monitoring, pest diagnosis, pest monitoring including management of invasive alien species and transboundary pests
- Collaborates with CGIAR centres and national research institutions relevant to crop production in the subregion, linking the needs of smallholder farmers with research activities and outputs.
- Collaborates with relevant regional economic organizations and technical divisions in FAO on strategies and programmes linked to sustainable crop production including Conservation Agriculture (CA), Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA), seed systems, and pesticide risk reduction.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in agriculture, crop production, plant sciences or a related field;
- Seven years of relevant experience in providing technical/policy advice on crop production and protection in arid and semi-arid systems and main cropping systems in the region including field experience;
- Working knowledge of English and limited knowledge of one of the following languages: Arabic, French, Spanish, Russian and Chinese.

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 of knowledge and relevance of experience with the major cropping systems in the region;
- Ability to organize and conduct technical meetings, conferences and workshops;
- Extent and relevance of experience in the formulation and implementation of projects/programmes in the field of plant protection and production;
- Extent and relevance of experience in providing policy advice at local, national and regional levels.
- Extent of knowledge and experience of relevant international instruments and agreements.
- Working knowledge of Arabic will 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 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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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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