



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Vacancy Announcement No: IRC4533

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Deadline For Application: 25 September 2017

Position Title:	Agricultural Officer (Locust Management)	Grade Level:	P-4
		Duty Station:	Italy, Rome
Organizational Unit:	Office of the Director, AGPMD	Duration *:	Fixed term: 2 years (with possibility of extension)
		Post Number:	0527360
		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 Plant Production and Protection Division (AGP) promotes the sustainable intensification of crop production (SCPI). This requires the integration and harmonization of all appropriate crop production policies and practices within the broader framework of sustainable food and agriculture that aims at enhancing productivity; natural resources conservation; rural livelihoods and resilience.

The post is located in the Locusts and Transboundary Plant Pests and Diseases Team (AGPMM), one of the six teams in the Division. AGPMM working within the framework of the Food Chain Crisis (FCC) and the Emergency Prevention System for Transboundary Animal and Plant Pests and Diseases (EMPRES), provides advice, technical support and guidance to countries on the sustainable management and control of locusts and transboundary plant pests and diseases. The incumbent is part of a Team of technical specialists that manage transboundary plant pests and diseases through a combination of early detection, forecasting, early warning, contingency planning, rapid response and promotion of environmentally sound management and control techniques

Reporting Lines

The Agricultural Officer reports to the Team Leader, AGPMM.

Technical Focus

Support countries in the development and implementation of strategies and programmes for the sustainable management and control of locusts.

Key Results

Technical and policy expertise to support the planning, development and implementation of Departmental programmes, projects, products and services in accordance with FAO Strategic Objectives.

Key Functions

- Plans and leads components of multi-disciplinary teams, leads and/or participates on Organization-wide, cross-Departmental 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, analysis, assessment, monitoring and/or 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 cross-sector approaches, new tools, technologies, technical reports/publications, and/or policy proposals as well as the provision of technical/policy/specialist/advice and expertise.
- Responds to Member Country requests for technical and/or 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

- Advises member countries and regional organizations to strengthen and improve their capacities and capabilities in the surveillance and monitoring of locusts and in developing appropriate response strategies.
- Supports countries in the collection and analysis of locust and related data, from field, to forecast, reporting and information dissemination.
- Liaises among research and development institutions, private sector organizations, Desert locust commissions, NGOs and universities linking the needs of countries for the environmentally sound management and control of locusts, with on-going research activities and outputs.
- Contributes to and/or provides technical support in the implementation of FAO's strategic framework, especially the division's work relating to sustainable agriculture and food systems, in the context of the emerging realities of climate change and environmental degradation.
- Assists the Desert Locust Information Service in the collation, dissemination and analysis of data in support of Desert Locust monitoring and forecasting.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in agriculture/agronomy, entomology or plant protection with emphasis on migratory plant pests.
- Seven years of relevant experience in assessment and management of insect pests, preferably locusts including in developing countries.
- Working knowledge of English and French.

Competencies

- Results Focus
- Teamwork
- Communication
- Building Effective Relationships
- Knowledge Sharing and Continuous Improvement

Technical/Functional Skills

- Extent and relevance of knowledge and experience in locust bio-ecology, management and control.
- Extent and relevance of experience in developing and delivering programmes of work or projects on the environmentally sound management and control of transboundary insect pests.
- Demonstrated experience in analyzing information as the basis for technical and policy advice for governments.
- Limited knowledge of Russian or Arabic would be an asset.
- Work experience in more than one location or area of work, particularly in field positions is desirable

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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