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Deadline For Application: 14 September 2017

**JOB TITLE:** FOOD CHAIN CRISIS EARLY WARNING CONSULTANT

**TYPE OF CONTRACT:** Consultant

**DUTY STATION:** Rome, Italy

**ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:** FCC-AGD

**DURATION:** Up to 11 months, with 3-month probationary period, on a WAE basis

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*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.**

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### Organizational Setting

The Food Chain Crisis Management Framework (FCC), based in the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Department has a key strategic role in the global governance of food chain threats caused by transboundary animal and plant pests and diseases and food safety emergencies. It works very closely with Emergency Prevention Systems (EMPRES) for animal health, plant protection and food safety. FCC focuses on food chain threats intelligence, short and medium term threats forecasting, integrated threats analysis, early warning, information sharing and communication, advocacy, networking, identifying strategic partnerships, in close collaboration with other FAO units and decentralized offices

### Reporting Lines

The Food Chain Crisis Early Warning consultant reports to the Senior Coordinator

### Technical Focus

The incumbent is expected to support the activities of the Food Chain Crisis Management Framework in the areas of food chain threats forecasting, food chain threats integrated technical analysis with linkage to food security, and improve availability and use of integrated intelligence and information at national, regional and global levels in the objective of prevention of food chain incidents and limit their impact

### Tasks and responsibilities

- Assist in liaise with EMPRES units (EMPRES-Animal Health, EMPRES Food Safety and EMPRES plant) on FCC technical activities in the objective of enhanced coordination, Intelligence, Early Warning activities and information systems.
- Assist in coordinate the preparation of the quarterly FCC Early Warning Bulletin.
- Assist in produce 4 quarterly FCC early warning bulletins per year
- Contribute to preparation analytical synthesis of food chain threats forecasting linking it to food security contexts
- Member of FCC Focal points for SP5 quarterly Early Warning for Early Action bulletin.
- Undertake missions and field visits as required.
- Contribute to preparation of FCC briefs and formulation project FCC-EMPRES.
- Participate and contribute to the preparation of the FCC Oversight Committees summary reports.
- Perform other related duties as required.

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## CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

### Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in Agronomy or Plant Sciences or related field;
- Five years of relevant experience in transboundary plant pests and early warning/forecasting
- Working knowledge of English and limited knowledge of one of the other official languages of the Organization (Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian, Spanish)

### 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, particularly in field positions is desirable
- Demonstrated ability and experience in collecting and analysing technical information and data on transboundary threats
- Ability and experience to analyze threats to plant and animal health and contribute to their assessment of risk on food security
- Ability to write analytical briefs on integrated early warning of transboundary threats and linking it to food security and to prepare, edit and revise technical/scientific documents and organize meetings and workshops

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Please note that all candidates should adhere to *FAO Values of Commitment to FAO, Respect for All and Integrity and Transparency*.

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## 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](mailto: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/>

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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.

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