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CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT N°: IRC4622

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Deadline For Application: 25 September 2017

ROSTER: GIAHS CONSULTANTS

JOB TITLE: GIAHS Programme Specialist

TYPE OF CONTRACT: International Consultant

ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: CBD / GIAHS SECRETARIAT (CBDG)

DUTY STATION: Rome, Italy

DURATION: Assignments for 11 months

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

In the framework of the CB Department, the GIAHS programme aims at identifying, recognizing and safeguarding traditional agricultural systems with rich agrobiodiversity, traditional knowledge and remarkable landscapes which has been transmitted through many generations thanks to the social organizations, culture and common values developed around specific agro-ecosystems. The GIAHS Programme is mainly implemented by two bodies: the GIAHS Secretariat – which works under the direct supervision of the CB-ADG, and the Scientific Advisory Group, responsible for technical guidance and approval of new GIAHS sites.

The GIAHS Secretariat is the operational body of the Programme and its role consists in providing technical guidance to FAO member countries for the submission of GIAHS proposals and for the implementation of follow up activities. Furthermore, it has the function of liaising with governments and national/international organizations for the establishment of new partnerships, which may be necessary for the future development and geographic expansion of the programme.

Reporting Lines

The GIAHS Consultants will work under the overall supervision of the CB-ADG and under the direct supervision of the GIAHS Coordinator.

Technical Focus

Supporting the development of various activities as established by the work plan of the GIAHS Secretariat; provide technical guidance for the development of the programme in new geographic areas; provide guidance on relevant technical issues, such as development policies to be implemented in GIAHS sites, agronomic and environmental matters, compliance of country proposals with the GIAHS requirements, liaison and multilateral relations, among others.

Tasks and responsibilities

The GIAHS Programme Specialists will support the GIAHS Secretariat and will:

- Provide technical support to member countries for the development of GIAHS proposals and GIAHS-related activities, including implementation of action plans, GIAHS-oriented policies, and community-based activities;
- Organize and deliver training programmes in FAO member countries;
- Providing comments and suggestions for revision of country proposals and national programmes to be implemented under the framework of the GIAHS designation process;
- Coordinate the implementation of specific actions, as indicated in the Trust Funds supporting GIAHS activities;
- Liaise with the donors and with GIAHS targeted countries;
- Prepare project reports;
- Conduct country missions and represent the GIAHS Secretariat in specific national or regional activities (workshops, seminars, trainings, conferences, project inception workshops, etc.);
- Organizing the Scientific Advisory Group meetings, producing technical papers to be discussed, writing meeting reports;
- Write technical documents on GIAHS and its contribution to the other FAO technical activities and Strategic Framework and areas of work, including Regional Initiatives and Country Programming Frameworks.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in agriculture, biodiversity, political sciences, social sciences, agronomy, international relations, rural development, or a related field as appropriate;
- Minimum 1 year of relevant experience in rural development programmes, agricultural analysis, programme formulation and implementation, liaison and establishment of partnerships relevant to the GIAHS programme activity, and
- Working knowledge of English, French, Spanish or Chinese and limited knowledge of one of the other three or Arabic, Russian.

FAO Core Competencies

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

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 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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