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Deadline For Application: 25 September 2017

JOB TITLE: FOOD CHAIN CRISIS COMMUNICATION CONSULTANT

TYPE OF CONTRACT: Consultant

DUTY STATION: Rome, Italy

ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: FCC-AGDM

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

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 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 Communication 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 advocacy, communication, web-page maintenance, early warning, coordination of FCC, and improve availability and use of information at national, regional and global levels.

Tasks and responsibilities

- Contribute to the preparation of the quarterly FAO FCC Early Warning Bulletin and produce it according to FAO publishing policy its final layout for publication
- Under the functional supervision of OCCI, produce FCC web map displaying the global distribution of FCC threats by collecting, organizing, collating and consolidating information from EMPRES Animal Health, EMPRES Food Safety, EMPRES Plant Protection, and GLEWS.
- Research, review literature, analyse and present information on transboundary threats
- Prepare written outputs such as background papers, information sheets, inputs to publications, and disease situation updates
- Prepare reports on FCC-EMPRES activities
- Identify best practices and lessons learned of FCC-EMPRES at country and regional levels and communicate them using corporate tools and products and in close collaboration with OCCM when dealing with external queries from the media.
- Advise on strategies for advocacy and support FCC-EMPRES teams in promoting activities, tools, workshops, trainings, publications, etc.
- Provide inputs to the development of the FCC forecasting web-based system in close collaboration and consultation with OCCI
- Ensure that the FCC website is regularly updated
- Act as a resource person in the coordination mechanisms of FCC-EMPRES, Major Area of Work of Strategic Objective 5
- Assist by attending meetings, taking minutes of meetings, prepare presentations, and contribute to concept notes.
- Perform any other related duties as requested

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in social science, journalism, or related field;
- Five years of relevant experience in writing high quality technical articles (preferably on transboundary threats) and production of corporate technical publications
- Working knowledge of English and limited knowledge of one of the other 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 areas of work is an asset
- Demonstrated ability to write high quality briefs, technical leaflets, brochures, articles related to FCC threats
- Demonstrated ability to maintain web-pages
- Demonstrated ability and experience in collecting and analysing technical information and data on transboundary threats
- Understanding of FAO policies and programmes is considered a strong asset.

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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