



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT N°: IRC4695

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Deadline For Application: 12 October 2017

ROSTER: AGROECOLOGY TEAM CONSULTANTS

TYPE OF CONTRACT: International consultant

JOB TITLE: Various – see list below

DUTY STATION: Rome, Italy

ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: AGP

DURATION: Up to 11 months 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 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 practise in order to increase production in a sustainable manner in order to eradicate hunger while preserving the natural resources and environment for future use.

The Ecosystem Management Team (AGPME) is one of six teams in the Division. AGPME provides advice, technical support and guidance to countries aimed at maintaining and enhancing ecosystem services as essential components of sustainable farming systems. The consultant will be part of a Team of technical specialists that includes expertise on, cropping systems, plant nutrition, soil nutrition and health, biodiversity and ecosystem management, and various aspects of Agroecology related to policies, knowledge and best practices, to deliver a program of work that emphasizes sustainable agricultural production and innovation.

FAO International Consultant and Call purpose

The Organization frequently engages experts to work on short-term projects as international consultants. The functions of a consultant are results-oriented and normally involve analysing complex issues, directing seminars or training courses, preparing documents for conferences and meetings, or writing reports on matters within their area of expertise.

An international consultant is engaged by the Organization to provide expertise, skills or knowledge for the performance of a specific task or piece of work, which would be short-term by nature. The assignment may involve full-time or part-time functions similar to those of staff members.

The assignment can be from 1 month up to 11 months. The possibility of extension is subject to satisfactory performance and depending on the resources and needs of the Organization.

The purpose of this call is to attract talents with experience and background in the area of Agroecology to populate rosters for the following profiles:

- **Agroecology and biodiversity expert**
- **Agroecology, agronomic, economic and social dimension expert**
- **Agroecology (junior expert)**

Reporting Lines

The Agroecology Consultants will work under the overall technical supervision of the AGPME Team Leader and the direct supervision of an AGP Officer.

Technical Focus

A key element in the transition to more sustainable food and agriculture is finding innovative ways in which to increase the efficiency and productivity of integrated and sustainable production and stems. By building synergies, agroecology supports resilient production systems while restoring the ecosystem services and biodiversity that are essential for sustainable agriculture. A key element of the work will be to support the implementation of global Knowledge products, policies and practices while providing technical support when required at regional level and to countries to scale up an enabling environment for agroecology including through adapted policies, public investments, institutions and research priorities.

Tasks and responsibilities

Agroecology and biodiversity expert(s) will assist in the delivery of the different outputs and outcomes of work plan 2018-19 related to Agroecology at global, regional and national level including projects. The key functions of the consultant will be to:

- research and analyse technical information related to biodiversity and other aspects of agroecology;
- carry out activities and projects related to Agroecology to support the delivery of program work plan 2018-19;
- maintain a solid dialogue with the regions in order to support the regional agenda on Agroecology implementation;
- provide support at national level to countries upon request;
- coordinate aspects and support the preparation of International meetings on Agroecology including preparatory workgroups;
- provide technical guidance in the area of Agroecology;
- Provide support to the implementation of Agroecology initiatives.

Agroecology and its agronomic, economic and social dimension expert will support the integration of the ten elements and the three dimensions of agroecology. The key functions of the consultant will be to:

- maintain links and networks between the different components and elements of Agroecology and support national processes;
- provide support to AGPME and the Agroecology team for the implementation national and regional activities related to Agroecology;
- support national projects and training activities implementation upon request;
- support the development and analysis of data related to agronomic and socio-economic dimension of Agroecology;
- ensure Agroecology communication tools are kept up-to-date.

Agroecology (junior expert) will support Agroecology activities, by:

- review documents prepared for the International meetings on Agroecology for quality and consistency, draft concept notes, and other relevant documents as needed
- support the communication process with different stakeholder;
- support the coordination and exchange of information in AGP.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in environmental or agricultural sciences, natural resource management, social science or a related field as appropriate for the specific profile;
- Relevant experience in Agroecology, project implementation, international bodies, technical meeting organization, data collection and analysis, field experience possibly in developing countries,
 - Agroecology and biodiversity experts - seven to ten years of experience
 - Agroecology social – five to seven years of experience
 - Agroecology junior three to five years of experience
- Working knowledge of English and limited knowledge of one of the other FAO languages: French, Spanish, Arabic, Chinese or Russian

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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