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Deadline For Application: 11 October 2017

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<b>ROSTER:</b> ROTTERDAM CONVENTION SPECIALIST	<b>TYPE OF CONTRACT:</b> Consultant
<b>JOB TITLE:</b> Rotterdam Convention Specialist	<b>DUTY STATION:</b> Rome, Italy
<b>ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:</b> Plant Protection and Production Division (AGP)	<b>DURATION:</b> Up to 11 months on a WAE basis (with possibility of extension)

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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 Plant Production and Protection Division (AGP) promotes the sustainable intensification of crop production. This requires the integration and harmonization of all appropriate crop production policies and practices within the broader framework of sustainable food and agriculture to increase production in a sustainable manner in order to eradicate hunger while preserving the natural resources and environment for future use.

The Rotterdam Convention Secretariat (AGPMR) is one of six teams in the division. The Rotterdam Convention is a multilateral environmental agreement, with the aim to protect human health and the environment from certain hazardous chemicals and pesticides in international trade. The Secretariat is jointly administered by FAO (AGP) and UNEP.

### FAO International Consultants 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 analyzing 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 objective of the Call is to attract talents with experience and background in normative work related to pesticides management to populate the Rotterdam Convention Specialists Roster. Experts who are registered in the Roster are available for consideration whenever relevant opportunities arise.

### Reporting Lines

The Consultant reports to the Programme Officer under the technical guidance of the Team Leader of the Secretariat of the Rotterdam Convention (AGPMR).

### Technical Focus

Support the Secretariat in delivering a programme of work to strengthen Parties' national capacities to implement the provisions of the Rotterdam Convention and to meet their obligations with a particular focus on the sound management of pesticides.

### Tasks and responsibilities

- Supervise data collection and field surveys and analyse results
  - Support the identification of less hazardous alternatives to the use of highly hazardous pesticides;
  - Prepare progress reports according to respective project documents, addressing the respective project outputs, indicators, means of verification and project milestones according to stipulated deadlines and forms;
  - Support development and delivery of technical assistance activities in response to the needs of Parties;
  - Assist in preparation of awareness raising and out-reach materials;
  - Deliver training workshops applying newly developed training material, undertake duty travels and follow up on technical assistance activities on behalf of the Rotterdam Convention;
  - Keep abreast of ongoing technical assistance activities inside and outside the team and the division;
  - Perform other related duties as required.
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## CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

### Minimum Requirements

- Advanced University degree in Life science, Agriculture, International Relations, Social Science or a related field
- 3 to 7 years of relevant experience in supporting development and implementation of technical programmes/projects, policy support, capacity development activities, development of guidance materials and tools and implementation of international instruments
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese, Russian.

### FAO Core Competencies

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

### Technical/Functional Skills

- Demonstrated experience in information and data collection in area of pesticides and/or chemicals
- Demonstrated skills and experience in providing input to technical/scientific documents and reports
- Knowledge and experience in preparation of training materials and in organizing and delivering technical meetings and workshops
- Demonstrated experience in implementation of trust funded projects
- Sound use of all communication technologies and presentation software
- Work experience in developing countries including Africa and Latin America is desirable

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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. If selected, candidates will be notified of their inclusion on the Rotterdam Convention Specialists Roster
- FAO seeks gender, geographical and linguistic diversity in its staff and international consultants in order to best serve FAO Members in all regions
- 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/>

### 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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