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Deadline For Application: 8 November 2017

ROSTER: ITPGRFA SPECIALIST

TYPE OF CONTRACT: Consultant / PSA

JOB TITLE: Plant Genetic Resources Specialist

DUTY STATION: Rome, Italy or home (other location)

ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: Secretariat of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (CBDT)

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 International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA) is a legally binding instrument with the objective to facilitate conservation and sustainable use of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits derived from their use. The Governing Body of the ITPGRFA is composed of all Contracting Parties to the ITPGRFA. The Secretariat of the Governing Body is hosted in the Climate, Biodiversity, Land and Water Department and it assists the Governing Body in the implementation of its programme of work.

Call purpose

The purpose of this call is to attract talents with experience and background in the management of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture (PGRFA) with policy and operations to populate the ITPGRFA Specialists Roster. Experts who are registered in the Roster are available for consideration whenever relevant opportunities arise.

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. Contracts will be based in FAO HQ or home-based. The consultant may be required to travel for meetings and field missions.

Reporting Lines

The Consultants will report to the Secretary or the relevant Technical Officers of the Secretariat, depending on their specific assignment.

Technical Focus

Support the work of the Secretariat related to the implementation of the work programme of the Governing Body and assisting Contracting Parties' efforts to meet their obligations in the implementation of the ITPGRFA.

Tasks and responsibilities

- Provide policy analysis and technical advice on the implementation and strengthening of the Multilateral System of Access and Benefit-sharing, the Global Information System and other relevant systems and mechanisms of the ITPGRFA;
- Conduct research and prepare policy documents, standard proposals, technical reports and studies on the implementation of relevant provisions of the ITPGRFA;
- Provide technical support for the operations of various systems and mechanisms of the ITPGRFA;
- Prepare pre-session/background documents for the sessions of the Governing Body and its subsidiary bodies;
- Support the organization of technical and intergovernmental meetings in relation to the implementation of the ITPGRFA;
- Develop training and information materials for capacity building and organize relevant workshops for Contracting Parties;
- Supervise data collection and field surveys and analyze the results;
- Assist in preparation of awareness raising and outreach materials;
- Write concept notes and project proposals for donors;
- Liaise with relevant partners both within and outside of the FAO in relation to the implementation of the ITPGRFA
- Participate in relevant meetings organized by partner organizations to the management of PGRFA and to present the ITPGRFA
- Perform other related duties as required.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in agriculture, natural resources, environment, law, rural development, agricultural economics, bioinformatics, social sciences or a related field
- Minimum three years of relevant experience and technical expertise to the management of agro-biodiversity, including conservation, use and/or, access and benefit-sharing of plant genetic resources, as well as on activities related to the organization and management of inter-governmental and/ or technical meetings at international or regional level
- 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 capacity to conduct technical and/or policy analysis in relation to plant genetic resources management
- Demonstrated ability to formulate, draft and finalize clear technical and policy documents, guidelines and manuals
- Extent and relevance of experience in the organization and management of inter-governmental, technical meetings and training workshops
- Excellent communication and social skills, including preparing and delivering technical presentations
- Experience with fieldwork, stakeholder consultations, training workshops in particular in developing countries
- Project management skills

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

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
- 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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