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Deadline For Application: 07 November 2017

JOB TITLE: Biodiversity specialist (Biodiversity and agro-chemicals management)

TYPE OF CONTRACT: Consultant

ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: AGP

DUTY STATION: Rome, Italy, or home-based

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 post is located in the Plant Production and Protection Division (AGP). The Division 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 (SFA) that aims at increasing production and productivity, addressing climate change, and managing natural resources; and enhance rural livelihoods.

The post is based in the Pest and Pesticide Management team (AGPMC), one of 6 teams in AGP. The Team provides advice and guidance in areas of pest and pesticide management in the context of sustainable crop production intensification.

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 in 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 biodiversity and pesticide management in order to populate the Biodiversity experts Roster. Experts who are registered in the Roster are available for consideration whenever relevant opportunities arise.

Reporting Lines

Overall guidance of the AGPMC Team Leader, and direct supervision of the relevant AGPMC technical officer.

Technical Focus

Mainstreaming biodiversity through supporting synergistic implementation of multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs) on chemicals (Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions), and biodiversity (Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)).

Tasks and responsibilities

- Policy-oriented research in agro-biodiversity conservation and management, with the aim of reducing the use of agro-chemicals
 - Organization of international events for the promotion of biodiversity
 - Preparation of technical materials on agro-chemicals and biodiversity management to support capacity-building on Multilateral Environmental Agreements
 - Organization of cross-sectoral consultations to facilitate mainstreaming of agro-biodiversity into policy instruments
 - Preparation of communication and awareness raising materials on agro-biodiversity and agro-chemicals
 - Coordination of project communications activities, including technical and policy briefs, updates for project newsletters and websites, online articles and photographic materials from field missions
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CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in agriculture, natural resources, social, environmental and/or economic sciences.
- Minimum three years for junior expert (level C consultant) or five years for expert (level B consultant) of relevant experience in supporting capacity-building activities related to biodiversity and pesticide management; and in the organisation of international, inter-governmental and/or technical meetings on related themes.
- 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

- Familiarity with Multilateral Environmental Agreements – and in particular the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions on agro-chemicals management, and the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).
- Experience in conducting policy-oriented research on agro-biodiversity conservation and management, specifically with the objective of reducing use of agro-chemicals.
- Experience in organising international events in biodiversity mainstreaming.
- Demonstrated ability to communicate effectively with a wide range of stakeholders, from government officials to farmers.
- Experience in supporting project management activities, including drafting of project reporting documents, terms of reference, letters of agreements.
- Experience in the context of FAO will be an asset.
- Work experience in more than one location or area of work (Africa and Pacific Islands preferred).

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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