



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Vacancy Announcement No: IRC5032

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Deadline For Application: 6 December 2017

Position Title:	Agricultural Officer (Project Coordinator And Policy Advisor)	Grade Level: P-3
		Duty Station: Italy, Rome
Organizational Unit:	Plant Production and Protection Division, AGP	Duration *: Fixed term: 1 year, with possibility of extension
		Post Number: 2006599
		CCOG Code: 1H01

The length of appointment for internal FAO candidates will be established in accordance with applicable policies pertaining to the extension of appointments

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.

The incumbent may be re-assigned to different activities and/or duty stations depending on the evolving needs of the Organization.

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 practices within the broader framework of sustainable food and agriculture that aims at enhancing productivity; natural resources conservation; rural livelihoods and resilience.

The post is located in the Ecosystem Approach to Crop Production Intensification Team (AGPME), one of the 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 incumbent is part of a Team of technical specialists that includes expertise on, cropping systems, plant nutrition, Integrated Pest Management soil health, and various aspects of agro-biodiversity to deliver a programme of work on SCPI that emphasizes sustainable agricultural production systems addressed to smallholder farmers

Reporting Lines

The Agricultural Officer reports to the Team Leader, AGPME.

Technical Focus

Project management, reporting and coordination of technical aspects with emphasis on monitoring and assessment of land degradation in pastoral areas with a view to influence policies and informed decisions to address land degradation and promote sustainable land management (SLM) in rangelands and grasslands.

Key Results

Research, technical analysis, and project related services to support the delivery of programme projects, products, and services.

Key Functions

- Researches and analyzes technical, social, economic, environmental, institutional, and technology related information, data and statistics and/or related policy issues to support the delivery of programme projects, products and services.
- Produces a variety of technical information, data, statistics and reports as well as input for technical documents and web pages.
- Provides technical support/analysis to various assessments, studies and initiatives and provides technical backstopping to field projects.
- Collaborates in the development of improved/updated tools, systems, processes, and databases.
- Participates on multi-disciplinary teams, and/or leads working groups/teams collaborates with other departments and agencies on work groups and committees and promotes best practices.
- Collaborates in, provides technical backstopping to and ensures the quality / effectiveness of capacity development activities within member countries such as policy support, organizational development and individual learning events including preparation of related information, learning materials, on-line tools.
- Promotes knowledge sharing and best practices at international meetings and conferences and influences partners in stakeholder consultations.
- Supports resource mobilization activities in accordance with the FAO Corporate strategy

Specific Functions

- Facilitates the mainstreaming of SLM best practices in pastoral areas into national and international partner organizations' policy frameworks while ensuring high level of collaboration among participating institutions at various levels.
- Contributes to the development of the pastoral areas land degradation assessment methodology and facilitates the recognition and adoption of the methodology in relevant international mechanisms while coordinating and working with other UN agencies.
- Coordinates with other FAO multi-disciplinary teams and working groups to ensure collaboration promoting best practices, capacity development and knowledge sharing on pastoral areas for increased food security, natural resources conservation, resilience and sustainable livelihoods.
- In project countries liaise with government agencies and FAO country representations and regularly advocate on behalf of the project including through position papers and policy briefs on best practices in support of global environmental benefits including ecosystem services.
- Coordinates and closely monitors implementation of project activities, assists in tracking project's progress and ensuring timely delivery of inputs and outputs including those led the executing partner.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in natural resources management, natural resource governance, environmental management, environmental economics, or related field.
- Five years of relevant experience in pastoral resource governance, pastoral policy advocacy, land management and land degradation in grasslands and rangelands.
- Working knowledge of English and limited knowledge of French, Spanish or Russian.

Competencies

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

Technical/Functional Skills

- Work experience in more than one location or area of work, particularly in field positions is desirable
- Extent and relevance of experience and knowledge of international frameworks including SDGs, UNCCD-LDN with a focus on sustainable pastoralism and land degradation.
- Experience in GEF projects formulation/implementation and in providing technical assistance to countries in areas such as sustainable land management, land restoration, resilience, governance and policy in pastoral systems.
- Extent and relevance of experience in developing training tools and information materials on pastoral advocacy and working with advocacy networks at the regional or global levels.
- Demonstrated experience with development agencies and international organizations supporting local communities on sustainable resource management and ecosystem services.

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- All candidates should possess computer/word processing skills
- Your application will be screened based on the information provided in your iRecruitment online profile (see "How to Apply"). We strongly recommend that you ensure that the information is accurate and complete including employment record, academic qualifications and language skills
- Please note that FAO will only consider academic credentials or degrees obtained from an educational institution recognised in the IAU/UNESCO list
- Other similar positions at the same level may be filled from this vacancy notice and the endorsed candidates will be considered for the Employment Roster for a period of 2 years
- Candidates may be requested to provide performance assessments

REMUNERATION

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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.

If you need help, or have queries, please contact: iRecruitment@fao.org

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