



POSITION TITLE:	Agricultural Officer (Ecosystem services and agroecology)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-4
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Plant Production and Protection Division, AGP Agriculture and Consumer Protection Department	DUTY STATION:	Rome, Italy
		DURATION *:	Fixed term: 2 years, with the possibility of extension
		POST NUMBER:	0419303
		CCOG CODE:	1H01

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 post is located in the Agroecology Team. The Agroecology team provides technical and policy support and guidance to countries aimed at maintaining and enhancing ecosystem services as essential components of sustainable farming systems through agroecology. The incumbent is part of a team of technical specialists that includes expertise on agroecology, pollinators, various aspects of agro-biodiversity and policy advice that emphasizes the focus on smallholders and family farmers and SDGs.

Reporting Lines

The Agricultural Officer (Ecosystem services and agroecology) reports to the leader of the AGPME team (Ecosystem Management and Agroecology).

Technical Focus

Maintaining and enhancing ecosystem services as essential components of agroecology to contribute to the transformation towards sustainable agricultural and food systems through an integrated approach to environmental, social and economic challenges.

Key Results

Technical and policy support to stakeholders in the planning, development and implementation of programmes, projects, products and services with focus on ecosystem services, agroecology and pollinators in accordance with FAO's Strategic Objectives and the 5 principles for Sustainable Food and Agriculture.

Key Functions

- Develops technical and policy analysis, assessments, monitoring and reporting frameworks, to support the maintenance and development of international instruments, innovative cross-sector approaches, new tools, technical reports, regional and national projects and programmes and policy proposals related to ecosystem services, agroecology, and pollinators.
- Respond to requests from member countries for policy and technical assistance, collaborate with decentralized offices, and support national processes.
- Promote international cooperation, advocate and contribute to scale up best practices, support policy dialogue, contribute to international processes including SDGs, CBD, related to the contribution of ecosystem services and pollinators to agroecology and sustainable food systems.
- Collaborate in multi-disciplinary teams, FAO cross-departmental committees, project teams, family farming activities, working towards the transformation towards more sustainable and integrated agricultural and food systems for food security and nutrition for all.
- Participate in resource mobilization activities in accordance with the FAO Corporate Strategy.

Specific Functions

- Participate in the development, implementation and monitoring of programmes and projects related to agroecology, ecosystem services, and pollinators.
- Provide policy and technical support related to sustainable management of ecosystem services and pollinators in support of resilient production systems, particularly for smallholders and family farmers.
- Design and conduct awareness creation tools and material, analyse scientific information, maintain networks and promote co-creation of knowledge related to ecosystem services and local agro-biodiversity as essential elements of agroecology.
- Contribute to FAO's work on agroecology, agricultural biodiversity and ecosystem services including under the Convention on Biological Diversity and the SDG's and in collaboration with other external stakeholders including UN Agencies and NGO's involved in transformation through agroecology.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced degree in agriculture, agronomy or ecology, with emphasis on integrated and diversified systems including crop production, agroforestry, crop-livestock systems, biodiversity, pollinators management, social processes for transformation towards sustainable agricultural production and food systems.
- Seven years of relevant experience in agroecology, ecosystem management, sustainable agricultural production systems.

- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese, 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.
- Extend of work in policy and international mechanisms or organizations related to agroecology, ecosystem services and pollinators.
- Extend and relevance of experience in sustainable management of ecosystem services, agrobiodiversity, and agroecological food systems with special focus on smallholder farming systems.
- Ability to analyze information as the basis for technical and policy advice for governments and inputs to international and intergovernmental fora, programmes, goals.
- Capacity to express the transformative spirit of agroecology and work through an integrated approach on complex and diversified and integrated sustainable agricultural production systems that sustain food security and nutrition.

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.
- Evaluation of qualified candidates may include an assessment exercise which will be followed by a competency-based interview.
- 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.

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