



## Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

### Vacancy Announcement No. IRC5322 Deadline for Applications: 28 March 2018

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| <b>Title</b>                 | Assistant Director-General, Agriculture and Consumer Protection Department (AG) |
| <b>Grade</b>                 | ADG   |
| <b>Number</b>                | 0053988   |
| <b>Duty Station Location</b> | Rome, Italy   |

#### Summary of Duties and Functions

The FAO Agriculture and Consumer Protection Department (AG) is at the centre of FAO's technical expertise in agriculture and consumer protection, providing expert advice and contributing to the development of policies, regulatory frameworks, strategies and guidelines in support of FAO's strategic objectives and the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. In a holistic manner, the AG Department works with partners to provide advisory and technical services to FAO Members, assisting them in capacity development with a focus on improving the productivity and livelihoods of smallholders and family farmers. The Department is responsible for the Organization's programmes, in particular, in the following areas: Conservation and sustainable use of crop and livestock genetic resources; Sustainable crop production intensification; Livestock production and the environment; Animal health; Agroecology, ecosystem services and agro-biodiversity; Farmer field schools; Agricultural biotechnologies; Antimicrobial resistance; Food chain crisis - prevention and control of transboundary plant and animal pests and diseases; Food safety and quality, including the joint FAO/WHO Codex Alimentarius; Nuclear techniques in agriculture through the FAO/IAEA Joint Division; International Plant Protection Convention; Integrated pest and pesticide management; Agricultural innovation systems and rural advisory services; Sustainable agricultural mechanization; and Urban agriculture and food systems for cities.

The Assistant Director-General in particular will:

- advise the Director-General, through the Deputy Director-General - Climate and Natural Resources (DDN), on matters of strategy, policy and other subjects relating to the Department's mandate and activities;
- ensure the collection, analysis and dissemination of data and information and the development of policies, strategies and guidelines in the Department's field of competence;
- ensure the servicing of the biennial sessions of the Committee on agriculture (COAG);
- ensure the visibility of standard setting and food safety components;
- exercise overall management responsibility for all activities in the Department, so as to ensure technical inputs and contributions to the delivery of the relevant outputs of the FAO Strategic Programmes;
- provide leadership in the development of global and/or regional initiatives under the FAO Strategic Framework and the Country Programme Frameworks;
- cooperate with the FAO Strategic Programme teams in the planning, budgeting, implementation and reporting of the Department's programme of work and provide guidance and support on budgetary, financial, human resources and other administrative matters at the departmental level;
- participate in the implementation of FAO's decentralization strategy, as appropriate;
- participate in and support the implementation of the corporate resource mobilization strategy;
- coordinate departmental inputs to FAO's Governing Body sessions and monitor and address the decisions and recommendations in its fields of competence;
- represent the Organization, as appropriate, at technical and inter-agency meetings in the Department's field of activity.

## General Requirements

- Advanced university degree in agriculture, agricultural economics or related field;
- Demonstrated professional competence and mastery of subject matters;
- Management and strategic leadership of a high order in the relevant subject areas;
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and a limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese or Russian;
- Ability to lead and work effectively with a diverse team of people of different national and cultural backgrounds in an international setting.

## Leadership Competencies

**Results focus:** Takes accountability for the delivery of agreed results in service of FAO's strategic framework - **Leading, engaging and empowering others:** Coordinates, directs, facilitates and recognizes team efforts; creates an enabling environment and assists others to realize and develop their potential - **Communication:** Encourages and contributes to clear and open communication - **Partnering and Advocating:** Promotes ideas and develops partnerships to advance the Organization's work - **Knowledge sharing and continuous improvement:** Continually seeks to improve the knowledge, skills and work processes of oneself and others - **Strategic thinking:** Makes informed and coherent decisions aligned with broader goals and strategies.

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

## Remuneration

FAO adheres to the UN common system of salaries, allowances and benefits. General information regarding salaries and allowances can be found at the International Civil Service Commission Web site: [http://www.un.org/Depts/OHRM/salaries\\_allowances/salary.htm](http://www.un.org/Depts/OHRM/salaries_allowances/salary.htm)

## How to Apply

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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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