



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Vacancy Announcement No: IRC5389

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Deadline For Application: 17 April 2018

Position Title:	Animal Health Officer (Anti-Microbial Resistance - AMR)	Grade Level:	P-2
Organizational Unit:	Animal Production and Health Division, AGA	Duty Station:	Italy, Rome
		Duration *:	Fixed term 2 years with possibility of extension
		Post Number:	2006290
		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 Animal Production and Health Division (AGA) promotes and facilitates the sustainable development of the livestock sector, integrating scientific and technical expertise and policy advice. It hosts technical networks in area of animal health, genetics, feed and animal husbandry and provides analysis, policy dialogue (incl. intergovernmental bodies) and technical assistance. It also supports emergency responses, mostly in animal health.

The post is located in the Animal Health Service (AGAH). The FAO Animal Health Service (AGAH) is primarily concerned with aspects related to the prevention, detection and timely response to health threats of animal origin (zoonotic diseases, transboundary animal diseases, production diseases, diseases of wildlife, arthropod-borne diseases, food safety, antimicrobial resistance) that affect public health or efficiencies, and sustainable livestock production. AGAH capacity development work ensures the strengthening of veterinary systems at national and regional level and bridges agriculture development, public health and ecosystem health with a particular focus on smallholder agricultural production.

Reporting Lines

The Animal Health Officer reports to the Animal Health Officer (Veterinary Public Health), and receives additional guidance and oversight from the Chief Veterinary Officer/Chief, AGAH

Technical Focus

Best practices in primary animal production in livestock production systems and integrated crop-livestock production systems, herd and flock health, prevention and hygiene, prudent use of antimicrobial medicines and mitigation of antimicrobial resistance

Key Results

Collection and analysis of information, data and statistics and project / meeting services to support programme projects, products and services.

Key Functions

- Collects and analyzes relevant technical, social, economic, environmental, institutional and technology related information, data and/or statistics to support the delivery of programme projects, products and services.
- Undertakes analysis, provides technical input for plans and reports and edits/revises technical/scientific documents.
- Participates in the development of improved work methods, tools and systems.
- Updates databases and web pages.
- Participates on multi-disciplinary project/work teams.
- Collaborates in the development of training tools and materials and the organization of workshops/seminars etc.
- Participates in the organization, conduct and follow-up of meetings, consultations and conferences, the development/production of required materials and the provision of information and assistance to partners.

Specific Functions

- Contributes to the development of animal production (terrestrial and aquatic) and health best practices to minimize the use of antimicrobials and to minimize impact of Antimicrobial Use (AMU) on the environment in close collaboration with other relevant technical units working on prudent use of antimicrobials, food or environmental residues, or antimicrobial resistance;
- Develops guidance for sector specific production systems on the judicious use of antimicrobial drugs;
- Evaluates alternatives to antimicrobial use including the economic impacts associated with changes in husbandry and biosecurity to minimize use, and use of alternatives;

- Provides technical and policy support to implement the FAO Action Plan on AMR, including the area of AMU and AMR in the environment;
- Collaborates with the Tripartite (FAO-OIE-WHO) and other international and regional stakeholders working on antimicrobial resistance;
- Prepares reports and briefs on best practices at farm and market level, AMU and AMR, upon request;
- Collaborates with other technical departments, divisions, and services developing standards to control risks associated with AMR in food safety, water and land quality and management, market practices, and environmental monitoring.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in veterinary medicine with an advanced university specialization in veterinary microbiology, pharmacology, regulatory medicine or related field
- Three years of relevant experience in animal health, infectious disease management, medical microbiology and antimicrobial resistance, including regulatory aspects, and standard setting
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese, Russian

Competencies

- Results Focus
- Team Work
- 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 in collecting and analysing technical information and data
- Extent and relevance of knowledge and experience in medical microbiology, infectious disease management, animal disease surveillance and/or risk management programmes at farm and marketing level
- Extent and relevance of experience in the preparation, editing and revision of technical/scientific documents and in organizing technical meetings and workshops
- Extent and relevance of experience in technical work on matters related to animal health and food safety, epidemiology, terrestrial and/or aquatic animal health, laboratory and diagnostic methods

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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