



POSITION TITLE:	Technical Advisor (Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems GIAHS Project)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-4
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Land and Water Division (NRLD) Natural Resources Management and Environment Department (NR)	DUTY STATION:	Rome, Italy
		DURATION *:	12 months (with possibility of extension)
		POST CODE/N°:	unidentified
		CCOG CODE:	1A11

**Applications from qualified women as well as from qualified nationals of non-and under-represented member countries are encouraged
Persons with disabilities are equally encouraged to apply
All applications will be treated with the strictest confidence**

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the overall managerial, administrative and technical supervision of the Director, Land and Water Division and the direct supervision of the Senior Land Management Officer, the incumbent will be responsible for the general oversight and management of the “Conservation and Adaptive Management of Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS) Project” as well as act as Secretary to the International Steering Committee (ISC). In particular, the incumbent will:

- provide overall technical and management supervision of the GIAHS Project implementation;
- provide overall administrative management, Assume budget holder responsibilities establish project task forces and ensure timely provision of inputs to pilot countries, including preparing initial and regular budget revisions;
- perform secretarial role for International Steering Committee Meetings, and organize conferences and workshops;
- oversee, coordinate and harmonise project activities in the GEF pilot countries and non-GEF funded/participating countries through regular contacts with the designated counterpart institutions;
- represent the Project (and GIAHS Initiative) in relevant meetings and conferences seeking to facilitate coordination and integration, where appropriate, beneficial to the achievement of the Project’s objectives;
- ensure timely submission of regular project progress and implementation reports (technical, financial and administrative) required by FAO, GEF M&E units and other donors and prepare final report according to FAO standards and procedures, including project follow-up report.
- initiate and coordinate further concept and methodology development of GIAHS dynamic conservation and international and national recognition advocacy;
- ensure smooth communications and information sharing among the various FAO technical units and resource persons involved in the project and/or the GIAHS initiative;
- develop and implement a logical framework, a detailed workplan and budget using a log-frame analysis, including targets to be met, and resources to be allocated based on objectives, results and activities presented in the project document;
- coordinate, liaise and communicate with potential donors and international partners such as UNESCO, World Heritage and MAB, CBD, CCD, CGRFA, ITPGRFA, IUCN, WWF, and others as appropriate, in order to raise support and gain recognition of GIAHS and networking including mobilisation of additional resources;
- provide inputs to relevant international policy bodies: CGRFA, ITPGRFA, CBD, UNESCO-WHC and MAB, and others, with relevance to GIAHS;
- perform any other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced University degree in agricultural sciences or environmental sciences with specialization on the following fields: agricultural biodiversity, agronomy, agro-ecology, natural resources management, sustainable agriculture and/or rural development applied to the relevant fields of interest of the project
- Seven years of relevant working experience in the field of sustainable agriculture and natural resources management, conservation and sustainable use of agricultural biodiversity and/or conservation agriculture, particularly in developing countries
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish with a limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese or Russian

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Relevance and level of academic qualifications and language abilities
- Relevance of experience in project management
- Ability to lead a team and to nurture good interpersonal work relationships
- Depth of knowledge on global issues, trends and constraints, related to the reduction of hunger and poverty and climate change mitigation and adaptation and sound knowledge of relevant international agreements and intergovernmental processes
- Ability to write and speak clearly and concisely and to communicate effectively
- Familiarity with UN agencies, field programmes and GEF procedures for project implementation

- Experience and ability to negotiate with international organizations/agencies and donors

Please note that all candidates should possess computer/word processing skills and should be capable of working with people of different national and cultural backgrounds.

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

REMUNERATION

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TO APPLY: Carefully read and follow the **Guidelines to applicants**

Send your application to:

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