The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) is seeking a professional to fill a vacancy. The position is titled "Agriculture Officer" (Grade Level: P-3) for the Secretariat of the Independent Science and Partnership Council to the CGIAR (OEKDS). The duty station is Rome, and the position is open until NTE 31/12/2013 (with possibility of extension). Applications are encouraged from qualified women and nationals of non-and under-represented member countries.

**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

Under the general supervision of the Executive Director of the CGIAR Independent Science and Partnership Council (ISPC) Secretariat and direct supervision of a Senior Officer, the Agriculture Officer will provide technical support to the ISPC Secretariat, backstopping the technical activities of the working groups and task forces of the ISPC. In particular, the officer will:

- Contribute to the recognition of the quality, relevance and impact of science in CGIAR, identifying opportunities for enhancing collaboration and stimulating global research towards CGIAR goals;
- Assist the ISPC in interacting with national and regional research bodies, for enhancing collaboration and stimulating global research towards CGIAR goals;
- Participate in the planning and organization of technical meetings of the ISPC, its specialized CGIAR panels and ad hoc workshops and seminars;
- Prepare, analyze, and review documentation;
- Contribute to the ISPC's communication strategy, including the management of the ISPC website and other electronic media;
- Perform other related duties as required.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS**

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced university degree (M.Sc.) in agricultural, environmental sciences or economics; knowledge of science communication would be desirable.
- Five years of relevant experience in agricultural and rural development in developing countries with particular emphasis on research, partnerships and communication.
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two, or Arabic of Chinese or Russian.

**SELECTION CRITERIA**

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent and relevance of academic qualifications.
- Extent and relevance of experience in research and research for development partnerships in developing countries.
- Demonstrated ability to write clear and concise reports in English and contribute to objective scientific communication strategies.
- Extent of knowledge of design and development of websites and of the electronic media for communication.

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.

**REMUNERATION**

A competitive compensation and benefits package is offered. For information on UN salaries, allowances, and benefits, click on the following link: [http://icsc.un.org/](http://icsc.un.org/).

**TO APPLY**

Carefully read and follow the Guidelines to applicants. Send your application to:

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