



POSITION TITLE:	Project Officer (Biogeography and environmental management of African trypanosomosis)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-3
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Subregional Office for Eastern Africa (SFE)	DUTY STATION:	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
		DURATION *:	Fixed term - 1 year (extendable)
		POST CODE/N ^o :	Unidentified
		CCOG CODE:	1.H.02

**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 operational supervision of the Subregional coordinator for Eastern Africa (SFE), the overall guidance of the Director of the Animal Production and Health Division (AGA), the technical supervision of the Chief AGAH/Chief Veterinary Officer (CVO), the direct supervision and the technical guidance of the Programme Against African Trypanosomosis (PAAT) Secretary, the incumbent will provide technical assistance to the PAAT Secretariat, and to tsetse and trypanosomosis affected countries in regards to information management and analysis, programming and policy activities. In particular, the incumbent will:

- facilitate the implementation of the activities of the project 'Improving food security in sub-Saharan Africa by supporting the progressive reduction of tsetse-transmitted trypanosomosis in the framework of the NEPAD initiative', including preparation of reports, identification and recruitment of project staff and consultants;
- liaise and coordinate with the FAO Regional Office for Africa (RAF) and the Sub-regional Office for Eastern Africa (SFE) for the implementation and execution of the project activities;
- provide technical assistance to and collaborate with the African Union (AU) / Pan African Tsetse and Trypanosomosis Eradication Campaign (PATTEC), other AU technical bodies responsible for animal health and production (African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources – AU-IBAR) and trypanosomosis affected countries in the field of geospatial analysis in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) environments;
- develop and disseminate tools and methodologies to collect, manage and analyze epidemiological, environmental and remote sensing data to promote evidence-based decision making at the national, regional and international level;
- coordinate and provide technical guidance to 'The atlas of tsetse and African animal trypanosomosis';
- conduct training courses in trypanosomosis endemic countries to build national capacities in the fields of data management; epidemiological and disease risk analysis; environmental analysis and remote sensing;
- assist members of PAAT secretariat and PAAT partners with managing and strengthening the PAAT-Information System (PAAT-IS);
- ensure harmonization, and reinforce linkages, between PAAT-IS and other livestock and animal health information systems at AGA, FAO, Rome;
- assist in placing interventions against trypanosomosis in the broader context of sustainable agriculture and rural development by facilitating utilization of, and access to, a range of environmental and socio-economic datasets;
- conduct analytical studies and provide support to the preparation of technical documentation and scientific papers in relation to the epidemiology, biogeography and control of African trypanosomosis;
- participate in technical meetings and international conferences to promote and disseminate PAAT activities;
- perform other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced University Degree in Veterinary Sciences, Environmental Sciences, Biological Sciences or related field
- Five years of work experience in the field of management and analysis of agro-epidemiological, environmental and remote sensing data in GIS environments
- Working knowledge of English and French

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent and relevance of experience in management and analysis of geospatial datasets in the context of interventions against tsetse and trypanosomosis
- Relevance of experience in biological control and spatial ecology of vectors and vector-borne diseases
- Depth of knowledge of GIS, remote sensing and database management systems
- Knowledge of PAAT activities and PAAT-IS products
- Relevance of experience in organizing and conducting training activities
- Demonstrated ability to analyze and generate technical and scientific information and publications
- Quality of both oral and written communication skills
- Extent of experience with UN, intergovernmental and international organizations in technical assistance mechanisms

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**

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