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Deadline For Application: 6 October 2010

POSITION TITLE:	Technical Officer (Water Quality)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-4
		DUTY STATION:	Rome, Italy
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Land and Water Division, NRL	DURATION *:	Fixed Term: 3 years
	Natural Resources Management and Environment Department, NR	POST CODE/N°:	Unidentified
		CCOG CODE:	1R01

Applications from qualified women as well as from qualified nationals of non-and under-represented member countries are encouraged

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the general supervision of the Director, NRL, and in the framework of the FAO water programme the incumbent will be responsible for the development and implementation of FAO's programme in the field of water quality management in agriculture, mitigation of adverse environmental effects of agriculture on water and the use of non conventional water in agriculture. In particular, will:

- develop information and knowledge products related to water quality in agriculture;
- design and conduct analytical studies on technical and policy issues related to salinization, sources of point and non-point source pollution from agricultural chemicals and the re-use of wastewater;
- prepare framework for national strategies and policies with regard to agriculture water quality;
- lead and contribute to global water quality assessments with respect to agriculture;
- prepare technical documentation and papers for discussion and publication;
- design and implement programmes and projects; co-ordinate joint activities and participate in task forces; participate in the formulation and appraisal of field projects, of the recruitment and technical supervision of field staff and the provision of technical backstopping;
- supervise the development of water quality auditing in agriculture: methods and guidelines;
- plan, organize and participate in related technical meetings;
- build partnerships and networks with professionals inside and outside the UN System;
- advise FAO Member Countries on their programmes through reviews and the provision of policy and technical advice;
- perform other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced University Degree in environmental sciences or related discipline with specialized courses in water quality management and environmental aspects of agricultural water use
- Seven years of relevant experience in water quality management in agriculture, of which at least three at international level. Working experience in developing countries
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent of experience in addressing water quality issues in agriculture in developing countries
- Ability to analyse complex problems and to relate water quality with other disciplines
- Ability to plan and organize work and participate in multi-disciplinary team
- Ability to analyse technical and scientific information and to synthesize knowledge
- Ability to write clearly and concisely, edit reports and make effective presentations; to organize and coordinate meetings and training activities
- Knowledge of other official languages of FAO: (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish) would be an asset
- Extent and relevance of academic expertise

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

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/>

TO APPLY: Carefully read and follow the Guidelines to applicants

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