



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

## Vacancy Announcement No: 1900435

Issued on: **22 February 2019**  
Deadline For Application: **15 March 2019**

<b>Position Title:</b>	Animal Health Officer (Antimicrobial Resistance And Public Health)	<b>Grade Level:</b>	P-4
<b>Organizational Unit:</b>	Animal Production and Health Division, AGA	<b>Duty Station:</b>	Italy, Rome
		<b>Duration *:</b>	Fixed term: 2 years with possibility of extension
		<b>Post Number:</b>	0413992
		<b>CCOG Code:</b>	1H01

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

- **FAO is committed to achieving workforce diversity in terms of gender and nationality**
- **People with disabilities are protected from any type of discrimination during any stage of employment, including the recruitment phase**
- **All applications will be treated with the strictest confidentiality**
- **The incumbent may be re-assigned to different activities and/or dutystations 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 the 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.

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

### Reporting Lines

The Animal Health Officer reports to the Chief, Animal Health Service and seeks guidance from Senior Officers responsible for prevention and control of transboundary animal diseases and zoonotic diseases, food safety, standard setting aspects in animal/plant health, including terrestrial and aquatic animal rearing and marketing.

### Technical Focus

Best practices in primary animal production in both specialized 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

Comprehensive technical and policy expertise to support the planning, development and implementation of Departmental/Division programmes, projects, products and services in accordance with Departmental/Division objectives and FAO Strategic Objectives

### Key Functions

- Plans and leads components of multi-disciplinary teams, leads and/or participates on Organization-wide, cross-Departmental committees, project teams, and working groups and/or provides specialized expertise on technical networks and/or international technical policy and/or international technical policy and standard setting bodies;
- Develops technical, analytical, monitoring and reporting frameworks, and related methodologies, tools, systems and databases etc. to support the planning, implementation/delivery and monitoring of programmes of work, projects, products and/or services;
- Designs and conducts research, data collection, validation, analysis and/or reporting activities to support the development of technical standards, international instruments, innovative approaches and strategies, new tools, technologies, technical reports/publications, and/or policy proposals as well as the provision of technical/policy/specialist/advice and expertise;
- Responds to country requests for technical and policy assistance, provides technical advice, assistance and solutions to Decentralized Offices and provides technical backstopping to field projects;
- Collaborates in, provides technical backstopping to and ensures the quality / effectiveness of capacity development and knowledge sharing activities within member countries such as policy support, organizational development and individual learning events including preparation of related information, learning materials, on-

- line tools;
- Promotes international cooperation/advocates best practices, increased policy dialogue and provides technical expertise at international/intergovernmental meetings;
- Participates in resource mobilization activities in accordance with the FAO Corporate strategy.

### **Specific Functions**

- Participates in the coordination and development of prevention and control strategies related to antimicrobial resistant pathogens, guidance on judicious use of antibiotics and other antimicrobial agents in the food and agriculture with focus on animal health and production;
- Participates in the coordination and development of prevention and control strategies for zoonotic/foodborne diseases and animal (terrestrial and aquaculture) production related food safety including residues and contaminants;
- Contributes to the development of national and global surveillance systems and the collection and analysis of relevant data (antimicrobial resistance, zoonotic pathogens);
- Plans, organizes and participates in technical meetings, expert consultations and seminars;
- Contributes, reviews and updates the FAO website and bulletins on veterinary public health issues, including impact of antimicrobial resistance and zoonotic/foodborne diseases;
- Collaborates with the Tripartite (FAO-OIE-WHO) and other international and regional stakeholders working on antimicrobial resistance, veterinary public health/food safety policies or intervention strategies;
- Develops and ensures delivery of training programmes and continuing professional development in epidemiology and management of major zoonotic/food-borne diseases and antimicrobial use and resistance; and,
- Collaborates with relevant FAO staff to develop policies, strategies, knowledge products and advocacy material on antimicrobial resistance/use and zoonotic and foodborne diseases, promote good practices and governance, and ensure coherence with relevant units working on livestock production, forestry (i.e., wildlife and bushmeat), fish health and food-borne pathogens (fisheries and aquaculture), natural resources and biodiversity (for environmental health), and the standard setting bodies of Codex Alimentarius, and the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE).

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## **CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING**

### **Minimum Requirements**

- Advanced university degree in veterinary medicine, with post-graduate specialization in public health, epidemiology, medical microbiology, One Health, pharmacology, regulatory medicine, or related field.
- Seven years of relevant experience in animal veterinary/public health, zoonotic diseases management, medical microbiology and antimicrobial resistance analysis or research, including regulatory aspects, standard setting, and application of One Health approaches;
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese, Russian.

### **Competencies**

- Results Focus
- Teamwork
- 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 pharmacology in animal health (regulatory and developmental) programmes at regional or international scale;
- Extent of experience in the prevention, detection, and control of animal diseases, in particular antimicrobial resistant pathogens, and zoonotic diseases;
- Extent of experience in medical microbiology, antimicrobial physiology and resistance, (veterinary) public health projects and programme management;
- Extent and relevance of experience in different countries and regions, especially in developing countries and countries in transition;
- Extent and relevance of experience in different countries and regions, especially in the private sector (pharmaceutical industry);
- Demonstrated ability to mobilize resources.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

- All candidates should possess computer/word processing skills
- Candidates endorsed in the selection process for this vacancy announcement will be considered for the FAO Professional Employment Roster for a period of two years. The Roster is used to fill other similar positions at the same or lower grade, and in the same or another duty station
- FAO reserves the right not to make an appointment, to make an appointment at a lower grade, or to make an appointment with a modified job description.

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## CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

A competitive compensation and benefits package is offered. For information on UN salaries, allowances and benefits, click on the following link: [http://www.un.org/Depts/OHRM/salaries\\_allowances/salary.htm](http://www.un.org/Depts/OHRM/salaries_allowances/salary.htm)

Other benefits, subject to eligibility, include:

- Dependency allowances
- Rental subsidy
- Education grant for children
- Home leave travel
- 30 working days of annual leave per year
- Pension fund entitlements under the UN Joint Staff Pension Fund
- International health insurance; optional life insurance
- Disability protection

FAO encourages a positive workplace culture to increase inclusivity and diversity within its workforce. FAO applies measures in which all staff members contribute equally and in full to the work and development of the Organization. This includes:

- elements of family-friendly policies
- flexible working arrangements
- standards of conduct

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## HOW TO APPLY

- To apply, visit the recruitment website at [https://jobs.fao.org/careersection/fao\\_external/jobdetail.ftl?job=1900435](https://jobs.fao.org/careersection/fao_external/jobdetail.ftl?job=1900435) and complete your online profile. We strongly recommend that your profile is accurate, complete and includes your employment records, academic qualifications and language skills.
- Candidates are requested to attach a letter of motivation to the online profile;
- Once your profile is completed, please apply and submit your application;
- Your application will be screened based on the information provided on your online profile;
- Please note that FAO will only consider academic credentials or degrees obtained from an educational institution recognized in the IAU/UNESCO list;
- Candidates may be requested to provide performance assessments and authorization to conduct verification checks of past and present work, character, education, military and police records to ascertain any and all information which may be pertinent to the employment qualifications;
- Incomplete applications will not be considered;
- Only applications received through the FAO recruitment portal will be considered;
- Vacancies will be removed from the recruitment portal 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: [Careers@fao.org](mailto:Careers@fao.org)

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