



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

## Vacancy Announcement No: IRC5511

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Deadline For Application: **25 May 2018**

<b>Position Title:</b>	Animal Health Officer (African Trypanosomosis)	<b>Grade Level:</b>	P-4
		<b>Duty Station:</b>	Italy, Rome
<b>Organizational Unit:</b>	Animal Health Service (AGAH) Animal Production and Health Division, AGA Agriculture and Consumer Protection Department, AG	<b>Duration *:</b>	Short-term: Up to 11 months
		<b>Post Number:</b>	To be defined
		<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

**Qualified female applicants and qualified nationals of non-and under-represented member countries are encouraged to apply.  
Persons with disabilities are equally encouraged to apply.  
All applications will be treated with the strictest confidence.**

**The incumbent may be re-assigned to different activities and/or duty stations 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 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, mostly in animal health.

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

AGAH hosts the Programme Against African Trypanosomosis (PAAT), a FAO Statutory Body established by the 29th FAO Conference (Resolution 5/1997). The Secretariat of PAAT, whose focal point is hosted by AGAH, includes FAO, the World Health Organization (WHO), the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), and the African Union (AU) Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (IBAR). Key PAAT partners and beneficiaries include the 38 FAO member states affected by African animal trypanosomosis (AAT), the AU Pan African Tsetse and Trypanosomosis Eradication Campaign (PATTEC), the World Organization for animal Health (OIE), and international and national institutions involved in tsetse and trypanosomosis research aimed at the progressive control of AAT and the elimination of Human African Trypanosomosis (HAT).

### Reporting Lines

The Animal Health Officer reports to the Chief, AGAH, Chief Veterinary Officer, under the overall guidance of the Senior Officer Animal Health responsible for PAAT.

### Technical Focus

Best practices in the control of African trypanosomosis, strategic and technical planning of control intervention, support to, and capacity development for, trypanosomosis-endemic countries, disease risk assessment, mapping, and mitigation.

### 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

- Plans, executes and monitors a range of FAO activities carried out in the framework of PAAT.
- Provides capacity development for, and technical support to, the 38 FAO member states affected by AAT in the PAAT framework, through (i) training courses at the national and regional levels in the fields of disease control, data management, epidemiological and disease risk analysis, environmental analysis and remote sensing; (ii) technical assistance missions and remote assistance.
- Promotes the enhancement and implementation of the Progressive Control Pathway (PCP) for AAT at the national, regional and international levels.
- Develops and disseminates tools and methodologies to collect, manage and analyse epidemiological and environmental data to promote evidence-based decision making in tsetse and trypanosomosis control and elimination at the national, regional and international level.
- Advises members of the Secretariat of PAAT (i.e. WHO, IAEA, AU-IBAR)), as well as other PAAT partners (in particular the AU-PATTEC and OIE), to support coordinated efforts aimed at the progressive control of AAT and the elimination of HAT.
- Supports resource mobilization efforts, including outreach and advocacy material, development of concept notes, project documents, aimed at enhancing and upscaling PAAT activities, with a focus on the PCP for AAT.
- Supports AGAH activities in the field of animal health and climate change, with a focus on the development of technical guidelines and resource mobilization material.
- Performs other related duties as required.

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## CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

### Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in Veterinary Sciences, Environmental Sciences, Biological Sciences or related field.
- Seven years of relevant experience in animal health, infectious disease management, including regulatory aspects and standard setting.
- Working knowledge of English and French.

### 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 epidemiological analysis
- Extent and relevance of experience in biological control and spatial ecology of vectors and vector-borne diseases
- Extent and relevance of experience in organizing and conducting training activities
- Demonstrated ability to analyse and generate technical and scientific information and publications
- Extent and relevance of experience in project management
- Ability to draft project proposals and ensure follow up to the funding phase
- Extent of experience with UN, intergovernmental and international organizations in technical assistance mechanisms is considered a strong asset

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## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- All candidates should possess computer/word processing skills
- Your application will be screened based on the information provided in your iRecruitment online profile (see “*How to Apply*”). We strongly recommend that you ensure that the information is accurate and complete including employment record, academic qualifications and language skills
- Please note that FAO will only consider academic credentials or degrees obtained from an educational institution recognised in the IAU/UNESCO list
- Other similar positions may be filled from this vacancy notice and the endorsed candidates will be considered for the Employment Roster for a period of 2 years
- Candidates may be requested to provide performance assessments

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Candidates are requested to attach a letter of motivation to the online profile.

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