



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

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POSITION TITLE:	Chief	GRADE LEVEL:	D-1
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	One Health and Disease Control Group (NSAH-CJW) Animal Production and Health Division (NSA)	DUTY STATION:	Rome, Italy
		DURATION:	Fixed-term: two years with possibility of extension
		POST NUMBER:	0057711
		CCOG CODE:	1R01

- **FAO is committed to achieving workforce diversity in terms of gender, nationality, background and culture.**
- **Qualified female applicants, qualified nationals of non-and underrepresented Members and persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply.**
- **Everyone who works for FAO is required to adhere to the highest standards of integrity and professional conduct, and to uphold FAO's values.**
- **FAO, as a Specialized Agency of the United Nations, has a zero-tolerance policy for conduct that is incompatible with its status, objectives and mandate, including sexual exploitation and abuse, sexual harassment, abuse of authority and discrimination.**
- **All selected candidates will undergo rigorous reference and background checks.**
- **All applications will be treated with the strictest confidentiality.**
- **FAO staff are subject to the authority of the Director-General, who may assign them to any of the activities or offices of the Organization.**

Organizational Setting

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) contributes to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda through the FAO Strategic Framework by supporting the transformation to MORE efficient, inclusive, resilient and sustainable agrifood systems, for *better production, better nutrition, a better environment, and a better life*, leaving no one behind.

The Animal Production and Health Division (NSA) promotes the sustainable transformation of livestock systems towards greater efficiency, inclusiveness and resilience. NSA integrates scientific and technical expertise and policy advice in the areas of animal production, animal health and One Health. NSA plays a key role in supporting Member Nations on sustainable livestock development, animal health and One Health policies to achieve growth and transformation of the livestock sector and progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The One Health and Disease Control Group (NSAH-CJW) is primarily responsible for 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, vector-borne diseases, food safety, antimicrobial resistance) that affect the health, production efficiency and trade of animals, public health, sustainable livestock production and conservation efforts. NSAH-CJW capacity development work ensures the strengthening of veterinary systems at national and regional levels and bridges agricultural development, public health and ecosystem health. It also supports emergency response, mainly in animal health and relevant FAO Programme Priority Areas (PPAs) to promote the One Health approach and the sustainable livestock transformation frameworks in line with the FAO Strategic Framework (2022-31), the Four Betters and target Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The position is located in the One Health and Disease Control Group (NSAH/CJWZ) of the Animal Production and Health Division (NSA) at FAO headquarters in Rome, Italy.

Reporting Lines

The Chief, One Health and Disease Control Group (NSAH-CJW) reports to the Director, Animal Production and Health Division (NSA).

Summary of Duties and Functions

Under the overall guidance of the Director, NSA, and as a member of the NSA Management Team, the Chief of NSAH-CJW will:

- Provide leadership, vision, strategic design, technical and policy advice, and programme formulation for the Organization's work on animal health and One Health, in the world's growing livestock sector (infectious and non-infectious diseases, parasitic diseases, zoonotic diseases, transboundary animal diseases, antimicrobial resistance (AMR), etc., integrated pest management, animal welfare as related to animal health) as well as on the information, institutions and systems required at global, regional and national levels to support and maintain animal health and to provide safe food of animal origin to consumers.

- Provide advice to Members on the development of strategies, policies, and action plans for increased investment in the national strategies on animal health and One Health to achieve sustainable transformation of the livestock sector.
- Position FAO as a global leader in animal health and One Health in the context of international public goods and the transformation of agrifood systems in support of the FAO Strategic Framework (2022-31) and the Sustainable Development Goals.
- Plan, manage and report the use of resources in support of programmes and projects in the field of animal health and One Health at large, ensuring coherence and technical quality of the normative and operational work.
- Ensure effective liaison, integration and linkage between the work and staff of NSAH-CJW with other groups/clusters/hubs of NSA at headquarters, as well as in Decentralized Offices.
- Support resource mobilization consistent with NSA's work plan and strategic vision, as well as the FAO Strategic Framework.
- Guide, supervise and evaluate the work of the NSAH-CJW staff.
- Ensure provision of technical advice, information and support to FAO Members, UN agencies and global, regional and national bodies, including inter-governmental fora, for the discussion and negotiation of agreements, codes, standards and good management and manufacturing practices in animal health and veterinary public health throughout the food chain.
- Represent the Organization in external meetings and handle day-to-day matters in the absence of the Director, as needed.
- Perform other related duties as required.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- [Advanced university] degree in veterinary medicine with post graduate qualifications in epidemiology, tropical animal diseases, veterinary public health, One Health and/or in veterinary biosciences (microbiology, immunology, bacteriology, parasitology, etc.);
- At least twelve years of relevant experience in animal health and/or One Health and related policy and strategy development, in intergovernmental processes, and in identification, formulation and implementation of projects and programmes in the context of developing and/or transition countries, in national and international development and research organizations;
- Demonstrated professional competence, management skills and knowledge of international animal health and livestock sector development issues with potential implications for FAO's field of activities;
- Extensive and relevant professional experience related to the functioning of multilateral and multi-stakeholder processes;
- Familiarity with FAO and UN reforms;
- Demonstrated leadership and managerial skills of a high order with maturity and the ability to apply judgment in the exercise of professional independence and to manage complex and/or sensitive issues with diplomacy and confidentiality;
- Ability to lead and work effectively with a diverse team of people of different national and cultural backgrounds in an international setting;
- Demonstrated abilities in advocacy and resource mobilization including coordinating project proposals for funding and interacting with donors and funding agencies;
- Excellent communications and negotiations skills;
- Working knowledge (proficient - level C) of English and limited knowledge (intermediate - level B) of another official FAO language (Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian or Spanish).

Leadership Competencies

Results focus: Takes accountability for the delivery of agreed results in service of the FAO Strategic Framework.

Leading, engaging and empowering others: Coordinates, directs, facilitates and recognizes team efforts; creates an enabling environment and assists others to realize and develop their potential.

Communication: Encourages and contributes to clear and open communication.

Partnering and Advocating: Promotes ideas and develops partnerships to advance the Organization's work.

Knowledge sharing and continuous improvement: Continually seeks to improve the knowledge, skills and work processes of oneself and others.

Strategic thinking: Makes informed and coherent decisions aligned with broader goals and strategies.

Please note that all candidates should adhere to *FAO Values of Commitment to FAO, Respect for All and Integrity and Transparency*.

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- FAO does not tolerate sexual exploitation and abuse, any kind of harassment, including sexual harassment and discrimination. All selected candidates will, therefore, undergo rigorous reference and background checks.
- All applications will be treated with the strictest confidentiality.
- The incumbent may be re-assigned to different activities and/or duty stations depending on the evolving needs of the Organization.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- FAO reserves the right not to make an appointment.

CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

A competitive compensation and benefits package is offered. For information on UN salaries, allowances and benefits, click on the following link: <https://commonsystem.org/cp/default.asp>

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.

HOW TO APPLY

- To apply, visit the recruitment website at [Jobs at FAO](#) 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;
- We encourage applicants to submit the application well before the deadline date.

Selection for this position will follow a transparent and very competitive process which may entail different steps, including submission of written test/essay, different stages of interviews (with managers and high-level panel) and a presentation on a given topic relevant to the role.

If you need help or have queries, please create a one-time registration with FAO's client support team for further assistance:
<https://fao.service-now.com/csp>
