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Deadline For Application: []

POSITION TITLE:	Associate Professional Officer (Agriculture Officer, Plant Protection)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-2
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Office of the ADG, AG []	DUTY STATION:	Rome
	Food Chain Crisis Intelligence and Coordination Unit (FCC-ICU)	DURATION*]:	Fixed Term: one year with possibility of extension
	Agriculture and Consumer Protection Department	POST NUMBER:	[]
		CCOG CODE:	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 Food Chain Crisis Intelligence and Coordination Unit (FCC-ICU) based in the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Department has a key strategic role in the global governance of food chain threats caused by transboundary animal and plant pests, diseases and food safety emergencies. The Unit focuses on food chain threats intelligence, short and medium term threats forecasting, early warning, anticipating crises and developing risk scenarios, information sharing and communication, advocacy, networking, identifying strategic partnerships, and resources mobilization for emergencies in close collaboration with other FAO units and decentralized offices, and contributing mainly to FAO Strategic Program 5.

The post is located in the Food Chain Crisis Intelligence and Coordination Unit (FCC-ICU) in the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Department.

Reporting Lines

The Associate Professional Officer reports to the Senior Coordinator FC-ICU

Technical Focus

The Associate Professional Officer (Agriculture Officer, . Plant Protection is expected to support the activities of the Food Chain Crisis Intelligence and Coordination Unit in the areas of information management and plant pests and disease information analysis.

Key Results

Collection and analysis of information, data and statistics and support to programme projects, products and services

Key Functions

- Collects and analyses relevant technical, social, economic, environmental, institutional and technology related information, data and/or statistics to support the delivery of programme projects, products and services;
- Undertakes analysis, provides technical input for plans and reports and edits/revises technical/scientific documents;
- Participates in the development of improved work methods, tools and systems;
- Updates databases and web pages;
- Participates on multi-disciplinary project/work teams;
- Collaborates in the development of training tools and materials and the organization of workshops/seminars etc;
- Participates in the organization, conduct and follow-up of meetings, consultations and conferences, the development/production of required materials and the provision of information and assistance to partners

Specific Functions

- Prepares reports, briefing materials and other communication products on emerging issues relevant to plant pests and diseases
- Engages with IPPC and EMPRES plants team in information collection and analysis of plant pests and diseases and in risk analysis
- Undertakes, in consultation with IPPC and EMPRES plants, a literature review on impact of transboundary plant pests and diseases on food security and livelihoods
- In connection with the above, in collaboration with IPPC, ranks transboundary plant pests and diseases threats based on their frequency, extent and impact on food security
- Collates information on existing information systems/databases supporting early warning in plant pests and diseases.
- Participates in the development of tools for integrated early warning systems.
- Participates in multidisciplinary food chain threats analysis and working closely with early warning teams

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in Crop Science, Agronomy, with specialization in plant protection
- Three years of relevant experience in plant protection, and early warning would be an asset
- 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
- Demonstrated ability and experience in collecting and analysing technical information and data
- Ability and experience to analyse plant pests and diseases threats and assess the risk on food security
- Demonstrated ability and experience in the preparation, editing and revision of technical/scientific documents and in organizing meetings and workshops
- Experience in developing training tools and information materials

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

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 at the same level 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.

REMUNERATION

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HOW TO APPLY

To apply, visit the iRecruitment website at <http://www.fao.org/employment/irecruitment-access/en/> and complete your online profile. Only applications received through iRecruitment will be considered.

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

Vacancies will be removed from iRecruitment 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: iRecruitment@fao.org

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