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Deadline For Application: []

POSITION TITLE:	Associate Professional Officer (IPPC)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-2
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Agriculture and Consumer Protection Department, AGD	DUTY STATION:	Rome, Italy
		DURATION* :	Fixed-term: 1 year with possibility of extension
		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 International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) is an international agreement on plant health with over 180 contracting parties, which aims to protect the world's cultivated and wild plants by preventing the introduction and spread of plant pests. The IPPC is a Convention approved by the FAO Conference in adherence with Article XIV of the Constitution of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations. The IPPC Secretariat is hosted by FAO and is responsible to facilitate the implementation of the Convention as well as the development and implementation of International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs) to fulfil the IPPC's mandates. The IPPC is also the implementing organization of the International Year of Plant Health (IYPH) together with FAO.

Reporting Lines

The Associate Professional Officer (IPPC) reports to the **Senior Agricultural Officer**, Integration and Support Team Leader and maintains regular contact with the IPPC Secretariat focal point for the IYPH.

Technical Focus

Provides operational support for results-based governance work of the IPPC Secretariat in relation to the International Year of Plant Health, and provides relevant support to technical officers, government officials and partner organizations.

Key Results

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

Key Functions

- Collects and analyzes 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

- Supports the Secretariat focal point for the International Year of Plant Health International Steering Committee (IYPH ISC in liaising with representatives of FAO member countries and partner organizations to ensure its smooth operations.
- Provides assistance to the organization of the IPPC-led events included in the IYPH action plan, in particular for the IYPH International Plant Health Conference in Helsinki.
- Supports the organization and successful delivery of the Ministerial-level Fifteenth Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM-15) in April 2020, and other IPPC governance meetings including the CPM Bureau and Strategic Planning Group.
- Assists in organizing webinars or face-to-face meetings aimed at increasing awareness of the importance of plant health and supporting the implementation of the IYPH action plan and other related activities.
Performs other duties as required.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Have Finnish citizenship.

- Be no more than 32 years of age.
- Be fluent in Finnish or Swedish.
- Working knowledge of English and limited knowledge of another FAO official languages (Arabic, Chinese, French Russian or Spanish)
- Advanced university degree in political sciences, business administration, agricultural economics, development economics, rural sociology, food security, nutrition, sustainable agriculture (including livestock, forestry and fisheries), or related field.
- Three years of relevant professional experience in a discipline relevant to plant health, such as applied bio-sciences, plant pathology or entomology. Good communication skills, e.g. the preparation and deliverance of presentations, are considered an advantage.

Competencies

- Results Focus
- Teamwork
- Communication
- Building Effective Relationships
- Knowledge Sharing and Continuous Improvement

Technical/Functional Skills

- Extent and relevance of experience in collecting and analysing technical information and data
- Extent and relevance of knowledge and experience in the analysis and formulation of policies for sustainability improvement in agricultural sector
- Extent and relevance of experience in the preparation, editing and revision of technical/scientific documents and in organizing meetings and workshops

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

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

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

- Candidates are requested to attach a letter of motivation together with Personal History Form
- We strongly recommend that your profile is accurate, complete and includes your employment records, academic qualifications and language skills.
- 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;
- We encourage applicants to submit the application well before the deadline date.

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