



FAO Generic Job Profile – AGP Division – P2

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Deadline For Application:

POSITION TITLE:	Associate Professional Officer	GRADE LEVEL:	P-2
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Plant Production and Protection Division, AGP	DUTY STATION:	Rome
	Agriculture and Consumer Protection Department	DURATION*:	Fixed Term: 2 years
		POST NUMBER:	
		CCOG CODE:	1.H.01

* 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 Plant Production and Protection Division (AGP) promotes the sustainable intensification of crop production. This requires the integration and harmonization of all appropriate crop production policies and practices within the broader framework of sustainable food and agriculture (SFA) that aims at increasing production and productivity, addressing climate change, and managing natural resources; and enhance rural livelihoods.

The post is located in the Rural and Urban Crop and Mechanization Systems team (AGPML) within the Division. AGPML provides technical and policy support to countries to improve crop production based on sustainable intensification, with focus on horticultural cropping systems and mechanized cropping systems in rural, peri-urban and urban areas.

Justification

The Division/team has been working closely with the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Science (CAAS) in the areas of urban/city region food system assessment, agroecology, and the implementation of the Guangdong Agricultural Pollution Reduction project through sustainable mechanization. The Division/team has also elaborated business models for mechanization hire services and related training material that is being field tested. Case studies particularly from China, linked to agroecology and city region food systems, will need to be reviewed in order to share with a global audience. This work is directly linked to FAO's technical support to the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact, where Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou are signatories. The Associate Professional Officer will play an important role in contributing to these ongoing activities, in part through facilitating communications/liaising with counterparts in China.

Reporting Lines

The Agriculture Officer reports to the Team Leader of AGPML, with day to day guidance provided by the Agricultural Officer.

Technical Focus

Systems analysis of urban agriculture, city region food systems, sustainable mechanization, and agroecology.

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

- Provides technical support for work on agroecology, urban agriculture and city region food system assessment projects, analysing data, with possibility of travel for data collection and organization of stakeholder meetings;
- Contributes in developing or reviewing business models for sustainable agricultural mechanization and on-going field programmes related to sustainable mechanization.
- Assists in reviewing training materials for mechanization hire service businesses

Candidates will be assessed against the following

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in Agricultural Economics, Crop Science, Agronomy, or a related field
- Three years of relevant experience in one or more of the following areas: information management and data analysis in the area of agriculture and/or agricultural economics, policy and public administration.
- Working knowledge of English.

Competencies

- Results Focus
- Teamwork
- Communication
- Building effective relationships
- Knowledge sharing and continuous Improvement

Technical Skills

- Work experience in more than one location or area of work, particularly in field positions is desirable
- Extent and relevance of experience in collecting and analysing technical information and data
- Extent and relevance of knowledge and experience in related fields such as cropping systems, food system assessment, sustainable mechanization, agroecology, and policy/public administration.
- Extent and relevance of experience in the preparation, editing and revision of technical/scientific documents and in organizing meetings and workshops
- Extent and relevance of 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 you have entered in your iRecruitment profile (see below under the *How to Apply* section). Before applying for a vacancy, we strongly recommend that the information you have provided in all sections of your profile are accurate and complete, including employment record, academic qualifications and skills.

Please note that FAO will only consider academic credentials or degrees obtained from an educational institution that is recognised or sanctioned by a competent national authority, included 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.

HOW TO APPLY

- To apply, visit the iRecruitment website at <http://www.fao.org/employment/iemployment-access/en/> and complete the on-line application. Only applications received through iRecruitment will be considered.
- 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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