



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Vacancy Announcement No:

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Deadline For Application:

Position Title:	Junior Professional Officer (Transboundary Plant Pests Management)	Grade Level:	P-2
Organizational Unit:		Duty Station:	Rome, Italy
		Duration *:	Fixed-term, 2 years with possibility of extension
		Post Number:	
		CCOG Code:	

*The length of appointment for internal FAO candidates will be established in accordance with applicable policies pertaining to the extension of appointments

- **FAO is committed to achieving workforce diversity in terms of gender, nationality, background and culture**
- **Qualified female applicants, qualified nationals of non-and under-represented 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 Plant Production and Protection Division (NSP) enables the transition to MORE efficient, inclusive, resilient and sustainable plant production and protection through optimization and minimization. This requires the integration and harmonization of all appropriate crop production policies and practices in order to increase production in a sustainable manner in order to eradicate hunger while preserving the natural resources and environment for future use.

The position is located at FAO headquarters in Rome, Italy, within the Locusts and Transboundary Plant Pests and Diseases Team (NSPMD), one of the six teams in the Division. NSPMD provides advice, technical support and guidance to countries on the sustainable management and control of transboundary plant pests and diseases and locusts.

Reporting Lines

The Junior Professional Officer (Transboundary Plant Pests Management) reports to the Senior Agricultural Officer/Team Leader of the Locusts and Transboundary Plant Pests and Diseases Team (NSPMD).

Technical Focus

The Junior Professional Officer (Transboundary Plant Pests Management) will be part of a team of technical specialists that manages transboundary plant pests and diseases through a combination of surveillance, early detection, forecasting, early warning, contingency planning, rapid response and promotion of environmentally sound management and control techniques.

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 analyses relevant technical, social, economic, environmental, institutional and technology related information, data and/or statistics to support the delivery of programme projects as well as 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 in multidisciplinary 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 preparation and the implementation of the plant pest's preventive, management and contingency plans;
 - Contributes to the capacity development programmes of the national staff involved in plant pests' surveillance and plant health emergency management;
 - Supports the plant pests early warning, monitoring, forecasting and reporting systems;
 - Contributes to the discussion and development of plant pest national and regional management strategies;
 - Assists in the preparation/review of the technical specifications of the material and equipment for the survey and control operations of various plant pests;
 - Assists in the monitoring and assessment of the impact of plant pests control treatments on the human health and environment;
 - Performs other duties as required.
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CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in relevant area such as agriculture/agronomy, entomology, plant pathology, plant protection or any related field.
- Three years of relevant experience in one or more of the above listed plant pest's management areas, including in developing countries.
- Working knowledge (proficient – level C) of English and limited knowledge (intermediate – level B) of another FAO official language (Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian or Spanish).

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 collecting and analyzing technical information and data.
- Extent and relevance of knowledge and experience in related fields such as plant health and pest management.
- 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 establishing and maintaining partnerships with UN agencies, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) as well as donors and government institutions and agencies.
- Working knowledge (proficient – level C) of another FAO language would be an asset.

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