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Deadline For Application:

POSITION TITLE:	Junior Professional Officer (Environmental Sustainability)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-2
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Office of Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environment	DUTY STATION:	Rome
	OCB	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 Office of Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environment (OCB) promotes integration of innovative approaches in the activities of the Organization, for the sustainable use, management and conservation of natural resources for food and agriculture. OCB assists Members in their responses towards the challenge of climate change mitigation and adaptation, as well as the development of adaptive capacities of agriculture, fisheries and forestry for conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and other natural resources. It provides a coordination role on climate change, biodiversity and the environment. The Division also serves as a focal point to the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and Green Climate Fund (GCF), for a multidisciplinary and global approach to bioenergy as well as undertaking work and providing support and guidance on Disaster and Risk Reduction issues.

The Environment Workstream at OCB supports FAO's international engagement and regional/country support for environmental sustainability with a focus on sustainable natural resources management and circularity, including assessing and monitoring environmental risks in the agri-food sector and mainstreaming environmental sustainability across relevant FAO policies, strategies, plans and frameworks. The Workstream spearheads FAO's engagement with emerging environmental priorities, and therefore leads FAO's engagement with the global negotiations towards the first international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution and coordinates the development of a *Voluntary Code of Conduct for the sustainable use of plastics in agriculture* with FAO Members through FAO's Committee on Agriculture (COAG).

The post is located in FAO headquarters, Rome, Italy.

Reporting Lines

The Junior Professional Officer (Environmental Sustainability) reports to the Senior Natural Resources Officer (Environment Workstream Lead) and works in close cooperation with relevant Officer(s) in FAO Regional/Country Offices and/or FAO relevant Units.

Technical Focus

The Junior Professional Officer (Environmental Sustainability) provides technical, policy and programme support to FAO's international engagement on environmental sustainability of agri-food systems with the focus on natural resources use efficiency, circularity and sustainable ecosystem management, including (i) mainstreaming the environmental sustainability in relevant FAO and UN policies, strategies, plans and frameworks; and (ii) supporting the implementation of FAO's work programme on pollution with a focus on the sustainable management of plastics used in agriculture.

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, 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 multi-disciplinary project/work teams;

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- 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;
 - Collaborates in the development of training tools and materials and the organization of workshops/seminars etc.

Specific Functions

- Supports Environment workstream Lead in planning, policy, facilitates quality control of the relevant elements in the work programme of the Office;
- Supports the implementation of the assigned programs and projects addressing environmental pollution associated with agrifood systems;
- Supports FAO's engagement in the negotiations of the international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution;
- Supports the development of the Voluntary Code of Conduct on the sustainable use of plastics in agriculture and related consultation process with Members and stakeholders, in line with the 171th FAO's Council mandate;
- Facilitates the FAO Agricultural Plastics and Sustainability Inter-departmental Working Group (WG-APS);
- Supports resource mobilization efforts and project development/implementation to advance the application of circular economy principles to plastics use in agriculture and food systems, in particular with a view to advancing innovations that deliver benefits sustainable development objectives at national, regional and/or global level;
- Supports communication and advocacy efforts with particular emphasis on pollution and sustainable management of plastics in agriculture.
- Perform other tasks relevant to the activities listed above that may be required.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in environmental sciences, agriculture, forestry, plant sciences, natural resources management, waste management, engineering, environmental economics, or a related field;
- Three years of relevant experience in analyzing scientific and related policy questions, conducting research and writing reports, and project/programme management in the field of natural resources management in agriculture;
- 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;
- Extent and relevance of knowledge and experience in technical and policy matters related to sustainable natural resources management in agriculture;
- Extent and relevance of experience in the preparation, editing and revision of technical/scientific and policy documents and in organizing meetings and workshops;
- Extent and relevance of experience in collecting, analyzing and summarizing technical information and data;
- Familiarity with data analysis and web-publishing software.

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