



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

## Vacancy Announcement No.:

Issued on:  
Deadline For Application:

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| <b>Position Title:</b>      | Junior Professional Officer (Agricultural Plastics and Sustainability) | <b>Grade Level:</b>  | P-2   |
| <b>Organizational Unit:</b> | Office of Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environment (OCB)           | <b>Duty Station:</b> | Rome, Italy   |
|                             |  | <b>Duration *:</b>   | Fixed term – One year with possibility of extension |
|                             |  | <b>Post Number:</b>  |   |
|                             |  | <b>CCOG Code:</b>    |   |

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.

FAO's commitment to environmental sustainability is integral to our strategic objectives and operations.

The Office of Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environment (OCB) works to ensure that countries and stakeholders respond to the challenges of climate change, biodiversity loss, and environmental degradation, keeping food and agriculture sustainability high on the agenda. OCB contributes to all FAO aspirations, focusing on how the work for a better environment can contribute to better production, better nutrition and better livelihoods, while promoting the integration of multidisciplinary and innovative approaches in the activities of the Organization, for the sustainable use, management and conservation of natural resources for food and agriculture. OCB assists member countries 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) and providing support and guidance on Disaster and Risk Reduction issues. In addition, it works on support to the implementation of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and enabling member states to ensure mainstreaming of climate change concerns in agrifood policies, practices and approaches.

The Environment Team 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 climate and environmental risks in the agrifood sector, bioeconomy, and mainstreaming environmental sustainability across relevant FAO policies, strategies, plans and frameworks. The Programme 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 FAO's support to Members in promoting sustainable use of plastics in agriculture.

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

### Reporting Lines

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

### Technical Focus

The Junior Professional Officer (Agricultural Plastics and Sustainability) provides technical, policy and programme support to FAO's engagement on sustainable use and management of plastics, pollution and circular economy and other relevant environmental

sustainability issues associated with agri-food systems.

### **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 Environment Team in planning, policy, facilitates quality control of the relevant elements in the work programme of the Office with a focus on pollution, circular economy, and agricultural plastics;
- 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, including in the marine environment (ILBI);
- Supports further development and implementation upon request from FAO's members of the Voluntary Code of Conduct on the sustainable use and management of plastics in agriculture and related processes;
- 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 and pollution, in particular with a view to advancing bio innovations that deliver benefits sustainable development objectives at national, regional and/or global level;
- Supports relevant elements related to bioplastics of the FAO's Programme Priority Area BE2: Bioeconomy for Sustainable Food and Agriculture;
- 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.

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## **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 (proficiency - level C) of English and intermediate knowledge (intermediate proficiency - 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 experience in collecting and analyzing technical information and data;
- Extent and relevance of experience in the preparation, editing and revision of technical/scientific documents and in organizing meetings and workshops;
- Extent of knowledge and relevant experience in agri plastics and related fields.
- 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 official FAO language (Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian or Spanish would be an asset).

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