Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Vacancy Announcement No: IRC4523

Issued on: 4 September 2017
Deadline For Application: 25 September 2017

Position Title:	Agricultural Officer (Integrated Food Chain Threats Early Warning Analyst)	**Grade Level:**	P-3
		Duty Station:	Italy, Rome
Organizational Unit:	Food Chain Crisis Management Framework, AGDMD	**Duration *:**	Fixed term: 2 years (with possibility of extension)
		Post Number:	2006280
		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 Food Chain Crisis Management Framework, based in the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Department has a key strategic role in the global governance of food-chain threats caused by transboundary animal and plant pests and diseases and food safety emergencies. It works very closely with Emergency Prevention Systems (EMPRES) for animal health, plant protection and food safety. The Unit focuses on food-chain threats intelligence, short and medium term threats forecasting, integrated threats analysis, early warning, information sharing and communication, advocacy, networking, identifying strategic partnerships, in close collaboration with other FAO units and decentralized offices.

Reporting Lines
The Agricultural Officer reports to the Senior Coordinator, Food Chain Crisis Management Framework.

Technical Focus
The incumbent is expected to support the activities of the Food Chain Crisis Management Framework in the areas of food-chain threats forecasting, food-chain threats integrated technical analysis with linkage to food security, and improve availability and use of integrated intelligence and information at national, regional and global levels in the objective of prevention of food chain incidents and limit their impact.

Key Results
Research, technical analysis, and project related services to support the delivery of programme projects, products, and services.

Key Functions
- Researches and analyzes technical, social, economic, environmental, institutional, and technology related information, data and statistics and/or related policy issues to support the delivery of programme projects, products and services.
- Produces a variety of technical information, data, statistics and reports as well as input for technical documents and web pages.
- Provides technical support/analysis to various assessments, studies and initiatives and provides technical backstopping to field projects.
- Collaborates in the development of improved/updated tools, systems, processes, and databases.
- Participates on multi-disciplinary teams, and/or leads working groups/teams collaborates with other departments and agencies on work groups and committees and promotes best practices.
- Collaborates in, provides technical backstopping to and ensures the quality / effectiveness of capacity development activities within member countries such as policy support, organizational development and individual learning events including preparation of related information, learning materials, on-line tools.
- Promotes knowledge sharing and best practices at international meetings and conferences and influences partners in stakeholder consultations.
- Supports resource mobilization activities in accordance with the FAO Corporate strategy

Specific Functions
- Supports the development of knowledge products including analytical work and practical tools related to integrated early warning of transboundary threats (animal and plant health and food safety) using multidisciplinary approaches in food-chain threats analysis (One-Health approach) and working closely with EMPRES teams and

countries
- Provides inputs in the analysis of integrated early warning of transboundary threats including data collection, consolidation and analysis and linking food-chain information to food security
- Conducts analysis of constraints to food security in relation to food-chain transboundary threats
- Participates in the identification and analysis of transboundary threats-related policy issues.
- Participates in the preparation and presentation of technical advocacy material on prevention of food-chain crises and drafts integrated food-chain threats analytical briefs
- Contributes to capacity development of countries on integrated and multidisciplinary early warning and training on use of integrated tools for threats reporting, monitoring and forecasting.

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CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements
- Advanced university degree in agronomy, plant protection, animal health, or epidemiology or a related field
- Five years of relevant experience in early warning to food-chain and food-security threats, in information systems or food security analysis, integrated analysis of transboundary threats.
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese, Russian

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 analysing technical information and data on transboundary threats and in developing training tools and information material.
- Understanding of FAO policies and programmes, or similar organizational context, is considered a strong 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.*
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
- All candidates should possess computer/word processing skills
- Your application will be screened based on the information provided in your iRecruitment online profile (see "*How to Apply*"). We strongly recommend that you ensure that the information is accurate and complete including employment record, academic qualifications and language skills
- Please note that FAO will only consider academic credentials or degrees obtained from an educational institution recognised 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

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HOW TO APPLY

To apply, visit the iRecruitment website at http://www.fao.org/employment/irecruitment-access/en/ and complete your online profile. Only applications received through iRecruitment will be considered.

Candidates are requested to attach a letter of motivation to the online profile.

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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