



FAO - Food and Agriculture Organization

Junior Professional Officer (JPO)/

Associate Professional Officer (APO) Chiffre Nr. 2022-2-62

1. General Information

Job Title: JPO, Associate Professional Officer (Food security policy)

Agency: FAO - Food and Agriculture Organization

Unit: Plant Production and Protection Division (NSP)

Country and Duty Station: Rome, Italy

Duration of assignment: 2 years with possibility of extension for another year. The extension of appointment is subject to yearly review concerning priorities, availability of funds, and satisfactory performance.

Please note that for participants of the FAO JPO-Programme at least three years of work experience are mandatory! Relevant work experience can be counted. In order to assess the eligibility of the candidates, we review the relevant experience acquired after obtaining the first university degree (usually bachelor's degree).

2. 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. This position is located in the Office of the Director, NSP.

The Associate Professional Officer (Agriculture) would be part of the Pest and Pesticide Management Team (NSPCD), one of the six teams in the NSP Division. The Pest and Pesticides Management Team (NSPCD) leads the efforts to reduce reliance on pesticides by adopting an integrated pest management approach and provides advice, technical support

and guidance to countries aimed at improving pesticide life-cycle management in line with the FAO/WHO International Code of Conduct for Pesticide Management (the Code of Conduct).

The post is located in the Pest and Pesticides Management Team (NSPCD) of the Plant Production and Protection Division (NSP), at FAO headquarters in Rome, Italy

Reporting Lines

The Associate Professional Officer (Agriculture) reports to the Senior Agricultural Officer, Team Leader, NSPCD and will work in close collaboration with the Agriculture Officer (Integrated Pest Management).

Technical Focus

Plant protection, in particular pesticide management and Integrated Pest Management.

Key Results

Collection and analysis of information, data and statistics and support to programme projects, products and services.

3. 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.

4. Specific Functions

- Supports the development of tools, methodologies, guidelines and standards to support the implementation of the Code of Conduct and the delivery of pest and pesticide management components in FAO projects, including survey design and implementation, data collection and analysis, preparation of concept note and organizing workshops and trainings.
- Provides technical assistance in pesticide risk reduction programme, focusing on addressing Highly Hazardous Pesticides.

- Provides technical assistance to the pest and pesticide management projects portfolio and its programme development and implementation.
- Supports the development of technical contents in relation to pesticide management and integrated pest management for training materials and websites, as well as other communication products.
- Provides support for FAO decentralized offices in implementing the pest and pesticide management components of their projects, this will include providing pesticide clearances, collecting information and preparing the responses to technical requests.
- Performs other duties as required.

5. Qualifications, Experience and Competencies

Minimum Requirements

- **Master's Degree** in Agronomy, Chemistry, Environmental Sciences, or other relevant areas with specialization in plant production or protection and knowledge of pest and/or pesticide management and/or chemical management.
- Three years of relevant experience in one or more of the following areas: management of plant protection, pesticide management, Integrated Pest Management, and chemical management or other relevant areas.
- Working knowledge (proficient – level C) of English and limited knowledge (intermediate – level B) of one of the other official FAO languages (Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian and 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 analysing technical information and data.
- Extent and relevance of knowledge and experience in integrated pest management and pesticide 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 developing training tools and information materials.

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 person 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

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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