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Deadline For Application: 16 April 2014

POSITION TITLE:	Agricultural Research Officer	GRADE LEVEL:	P-4
		DUTY STATION:	Rome
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Research and Extension Unit (DDNR)	DURATION *:	Fixed-term, 2 years
	Office of the Deputy Director-General/Coordinator for Natural Resources (DDN)	POST CODE/N°:	0442593
		CCOG CODE:	1H01

**Applications from qualified women as well as from qualified nationals of non-and under-represented member countries are encouraged
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.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Research and Extension Unit (DDNR) provides advisory and technical services to FAO members to support the development of Agricultural Innovation Systems (AIS). Agricultural research systems and an integrated approach to agricultural research and extension are considered key factors for the achievement of a sustainable increase and improvement of the provision of services and goods by agricultural producers. The priorities of FAO's work in agricultural research include assessing current research policies, institutions and organizations and supporting their strengthening. Under the general supervision of the Senior Agricultural Research Officer, Research and Extension Unit, DDNR, the incumbent will:

- contribute to the development of concepts, methodologies, guidelines and indicators for agriculture innovation systems;
- advise member countries on policy formulation for the establishment, development and management of effective, efficient agricultural innovation systems to promote the adoption of practices that increase and improve the provision of goods and services in a sustainable manner;
- advise on the design of policies and strategies for developing national, regional and international capacities for research and generation, assessment and adoption of innovative and sustainable practices to facilitate the transition towards more sustainable agricultural production systems;
- provide technical advice to member countries on policy formulation, strategic planning and institutional set-up of agricultural research;
- contribute to the establishment and strengthening of partnerships with the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR), the Global Forum for Agricultural Research (GFAR), science and technology organizations of the UN system and other regional and international research organizations and fora, as well as relevant governmental and non-governmental research and innovation organizations;
- liaise with donors, technical assistance organizations, national, agricultural research organizations and networks on initiatives and activities to improve agricultural innovation systems;
- advise on the identification, formulation and implementation of, and provide technical backstopping to, national, regional and international projects to strengthen capacities in agricultural research and innovation;
- organize conferences, seminars, workshops and other events on agricultural research and innovation;
- perform other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced University Degree in Agricultural Sciences or a related field
- Seven years of relevant experience in planning, managing, organizing and evaluating agricultural research and innovation systems and programmes in developing countries
- Working knowledge of two of the following languages: English, French, or Spanish

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent of experience in research planning, organization and management in developed and developing countries.
- Extent of experience in advisory capacity at national and international levels in the field of agricultural research
- Work experience in more than one location or area of work, particularly in field positions is desirable
- Familiarity with international research systems, particularly with the CGIAR and GFAR and the regional fora.
- Demonstrated initiative, ability to plan, organize and supervise the work of others
- Quality of both oral and written communication skills
- Knowledge of a third language, among the languages mentioned above, is an asset

Please note that all candidates should possess computer/word processing skills and should be capable of working with people of different national and cultural backgrounds.

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

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In order for your application to be properly evaluated, please ensure that all sections of the on-line application are completed.

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