



POSITION TITLE:	Secretary Commission for controlling the Desert Locust in the Central Region CRC	GRADE LEVEL:	P-4
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Regional Office for the Near East RNE	DUTY STATION:	Cairo, Egypt
		DURATION *:	Fixed Term: 3 years
		POST CODE/N^o:	C/Unidentified
		CCOG CODE:	1H01

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

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the supervision of the ADG/Regional Representative for the Near East (RNE) and the functional guidance of the Director of the Plant Production and Protection Division (AGPM), to act as Secretary of the Central Region Commission (CRC). In particular will:

- Coordinate operational aspects of the CRC including organization of regular Commission and Executive Committee sessions, coordination of budgetary matters related to the Commission Trust Fund; implementation of the recommendations of the Commission, and reporting;
- Encourage member countries, in particular the Desert Locust front-line countries situated around the Red Sea (Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Saudi-Arabia, Somalia, Oman and Yemen) to implement preventive control strategy operations by means of regular surveys and monitoring; deliver strategies and project proposals in response to locust emergencies;
- Assist the national Locust Control Units (NLCUs) and the regional Desert Locust Control Organization for Eastern Africa (DLCO-EA) in all technical and organizational aspects to further improve integrated preventive locust management strategies and tactics;
- Promote joint activities aimed at introducing biological locust control techniques and define areas of restricted/prohibited use of conventional pesticides;
- Collaborate with the Desert Locust Commissions of the Western and Eastern Regions (CLCPRO – SWAC) to facilitate the introduction of new technologies for preventive control through regular independent assessments of technical innovations and new locust control equipment;
- Provide support to the Desert Locust Information Service (DLIS), to strengthen and facilitate regional and inter-regional cooperation and coordination by appropriate and timely sharing of information, organizing joint activities such as cross-border surveys, workshops, regular ToT training courses and practical field simulations;
- Promote the use of critical tools with regard to disaster risk preparedness and contingency planning related to locust emergencies, and monitor the locust response capacities in the front-line countries;
- Foster and promote interaction among member countries through regular exchange of information and experience to provide regular contributions for global locust emergency preparedness to update global rosters and information on the control capacities of the member countries, including pesticides stocks, and any structural and managerial change of the NLCUs; Maintain and up-date the CRC-EMPRES website;
- Enhance collaboration with partner organizations such as OCHA, UNDP, WFP and other UN agencies specialized in Desert Locust emergency interventions;
- Advise the regional FAO Representative on all other questions related to other transboundary plant pests and perform missions within and outside the Region;
- Perform any other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced University Degree in entomology or equivalent
- Seven years of relevant field experience in preventive locust management
- Working knowledge of Arabic and English

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent of field experience in Desert Locust affected countries
- Depth of understanding of preventive pest management, early warning, emergency preparedness and rapid response
- Relevance of experience in project identification, fund raising, project planning, implementation and monitoring
- Demonstrated communication and participatory project management skills
- Ability to work in an international context and in a multicultural team
- Quality of both oral and written communication skills in Arabic and English. Limited knowledge of French will be 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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