

Vacancy No. AG/270/12

Title	Assistant Director-General – Agriculture and Consumer Protection Department (AG)
Grade	ADG
Number	0053988
Duty Station Location	Rome, Italy
Summary of Duties and Functions	<p>The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Protection is responsible for the Organization's programmes in 1) the production, management and conservation of crops and livestock; 2) work in the prevention and control of transboundary plant and animal pests and diseases, as well as on other threats to food supply, health or market systems; 3) the production, processing, distribution and consumption of nutritionally adequate and safe food so as to improve nutrition and protect consumers' well-being; 4) food quality and safety, including applications of innovative technologies. It promotes the development of policies, regulatory frameworks, strategies and guidelines to enhance agriculture's contribution to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), in particular in areas related to plant and animal genetic resources, biotechnology, biosecurity, animal health, plant pests, human nutrition and food safety and quality. It promotes the development and application of standards, techniques and approaches that are compatible with social, environmental and health concerns and are supportive of global and national food security, health and nutritional well-being and consumer protection. The department provides advisory and technical services to FAO members allied agencies, and assists them in capacity development, in all its mandated areas.</p> <p>The Assistant Director-General specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • advises the Director-General on matters of strategy, policy and other subjects relating to the Department's mandate and activities; • ensures the collection, analysis and dissemination of data and information and the development of policies, strategies and guidelines in the Department's field of competence; • ensures the servicing of the biennial sessions of the Committee on agriculture (COAG); • ensures the visibility of standard setting and food safety components; • exercises overall management responsibility for all activities in the Department, for all programmes and sources of funds; • ensures the development of coordinated, coherent and balanced programmes in the fields of competence of the Department and submits the Department's programme of work and budget proposals to the Director-General; • coordinates the planning, budgeting, implementation and reporting of the Department's programme of work and provides guidance and support on budgetary, financial human resources and other administrative matters at departmental level; • participates in the implementation of FAO's decentralization strategy, as appropriate; • participates in and supports the implementation of the corporate resource mobilization strategy; • coordinates departmental inputs to FAO's Governing Bodies sessions and monitors the response by the Department to decisions and recommendations in its fields of competence; • represents the Organization, as appropriate, at technical and inter-agency meetings in the Department's field of activity.

General Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced university degree in agriculture, agricultural economics or related field; • Demonstrated professional competence and mastery of subject matters; • Management and strategic leadership of a high order in the relevant subject areas; • Working knowledge of either English, or French or Spanish and a limited knowledge of any of the other two, or Arabic, or Chinese or Russian; • Ability to lead and work effectively with a diverse team of people of different national and cultural backgrounds in an international setting
Managerial Competencies	<p>Strategic vision: Capacity to develop a vision, mission and strategies and to focus on the needs of member countries and to adjust strategies to take changing circumstances into account. Managing people: Fosters team spirit through building trust and commitment to common objectives and recognising team successes. Result Orientation: Demonstrates an ability to manage programmes and projects efficiently under shifting priorities, in order to achieve targets. Partnering: Negotiates effectively with partners to enable successful outcomes for all stakeholders and actively supports inter-disciplinarity across FAO. Strong Communication Skills: Demonstrates a high level of communication skills in promoting the Organization's messages.</p>
Remuneration	<p>FAO adheres to the UN common system of salaries, allowances and benefits. General information regarding salaries and allowances can be found at the International Civil Service Commission Web site</p>
How to apply	<p>Applications should be submitted by 22 November 2012, using FAO Personal History Form to the Director, Office of Human Resources (OHR), FAO, Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, 00153, Rome, Italy or sent by e-mail to: Senior-vacancies@fao.org (An additional Curriculum Vitae and/ or cover letter may also be included as part of the application if desired)</p>