



Re: Invitation to apply to participate in a Training of Trainers Workshop for Obsolete pesticides Inventory, Environmental Risk Assessment and Safeguarding.

Eligible countries are Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Macedonia, Moldova, Mongolia and Romania.

Deadline for submission: 13 November 2009

The FAO Obsolete Pesticides Programme works with developing countries and countries with economies in transition to help them eliminate stocks of obsolete pesticides and prevent recurrence of similar problems in the future through sound pest and pesticide management. Currently the programme is initiating implementation of a project in Eastern European Caucuses and Central Asian (EECCA) countries to raise awareness and build capacity for the management of obsolete pesticides.

The wide geographic scope and expansion of activities carried out by the Obsolete Pesticides Programme requires an expansion of the roster of experts that can support our field work. We are therefore planning to train a number of individuals in the EECCA region to support the implementation of our current and future projects in the region.

Trainees will be selected from applications received with a limited number of places available. Only those who are judged to have successfully completed the training and have the ability to provide the services required by FAO and its member countries to the professional level required, will be invited to support project implementation. Typically, trained experts will be recruited on short term consultancies ranging from one to six weeks.

The trained experts may be required to deliver training, supervise field work, support project design, carry out scoping studies and support project implementation. The subject areas to be addressed may include:

- Inventory of obsolete pesticides;
- Environmental Risk Assessment;
- Safeguarding (repackaging) of obsolete pesticides;
- Planning of field activities for inventory, risk assessment, repackaging, transport, storage, international shipment and destruction of obsolete pesticides;
- Capacity building for improved pesticide management (e.g regulation, import controls, storage, distribution, use, waste management);
- Implementation of the International Code of Conduct on the Distribution and Use of Pesticides and other relevant multilateral agreements;
- Reduced reliance on pesticides in pest management (agriculture and health);

It is not expected that any single consultant will be an expert in all these fields, and FAO will ensure anyone asked to support activities is qualified and experienced to do so and is familiar with the rules and procedures of FAO or other organizations that are relevant to the task.

To this end, the FAO Obsolete Pesticides Programme, in collaboration with its project partners, Green Cross and International HCH and Pesticides Association, intends to hold a Training of Trainers workshop focussing on inventory, environmental risk assessment and safeguarding of obsolete pesticides. **This letter is an**

invitation for you to apply, or to nominate someone to participate in the ToT workshop. Please read the criteria below and ensure that you are able to meet them before applying.

The workshop will take place in Belarus on 18-29 January 2010. Travel and subsistence will be covered by the organizers, but no honorarium will be paid to participants. A maximum of 15 participants will be invited. A selection process will be applied to ensure that the best qualified, experienced and motivated individuals attend.

If you are interested in participating, please attach your CV and write a one page letter explaining why you wish to participate in the training. In the letter you should indicate the likely extent of your availability for consultancies following the training.

If you have any questions related to this training please contact Project Secretariat by email gcb@greencross.by or phone +375 29 627 7954

Criteria for Obsolete Pesticides Management Trainees

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the overall supervision of the Coordinator & Chief Technical Advisor – Prevention and Disposal of Obsolete Pesticides, AGP, and in collaboration with implementation partners participating in the project GCP/INT/062/GFF “Capacity building on Obsolete and POPs Pesticides in EECCA countries” trained experts will provide technical support to countries participating in the project by providing services that may include:

- Training of national staff in inventory, risk assessment and safeguarding of obsolete pesticides;
- Assist in the development, dissemination and maintenance of training materials and guidelines for project participating countries;
- Provide support in the implementation of the Pesticides Stock Management System in countries, including setting up of country accounts, provision of training to users and troubleshooting;
- Support technical aspects of project implementation in participating countries;
- Provide reports as necessary to FAO and its project implementation partners;
- Perform other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- University Degree in Chemistry, Environmental Science, Agriculture or in a related subject matter
- Five years of relevant experience in project implementation of pesticide, chemical or hazardous waste management related projects
- Working knowledge of English and Russian and limited knowledge of at least one other language spoken in the EECCA region
- Commitment to stay at least for 5 years in the topical field
- Skills and interest in training other people

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent and relevance of working experience in developing countries and countries with economies in transition
- Relevance of academic background
- Extent of familiarity with the EECCA Region
- Extent of experience in training and supervision of field activities
- Extent of experience of waste and environmental management, pesticide management and pest management
- Quality of both written and oral presentation skills
- Demonstrated ability to work under pressure, plan, organize and operate independently

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.

