



MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, ANIMAL INDUSTRY AND FISHERIES

JOB ADVERTISEMENT

Background

Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries wishes to fill the position of **Agricultural Attaché** based in Rome, Italy for a period of four years.

The candidate should be a Public Officer in the Agricultural Sector and will be engaged on Secondment basis. The releasing entity will continue to pay salaries while Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries will pay duty facilitating allowances.

The attaché' will handle agricultural matters in Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO), World Food Program (WFP) and International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD).

Candidates are required to submit written applications, detailed curriculum vitae, certified copies of academic certificates and testimonials, appointment letters as evidence of working experience and at least three referees, one whom must be a current or previous employer.

Applications should be addressed to the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries, P.O Box 102, Entebbe, Open Registry, not later than **25th January 2017**.

Candidates subsequently shortlisted for oral interviews and their names displayed on the Ministry website or on the MAAIF Notice Board, shall be required to present originals of their academic transcripts and certificates at the time of sitting the oral interviews.

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Job Title: Agricultural Attaché
Salary: Attractive
Reports to: Permanent Secretary on technical matters and
Ambassador of Uganda in Rome Administratively
Contract period: 4 years
Age limit: Not more than 50 years
Number of vacancies: One

Job Purpose

The agricultural attaché will play a diplomat's role in collecting, analyzing, and acting on information on agriculture, agribusiness, food, and other related spheres in a foreign countries.

Key Functions

1. Reporting on crop conditions, food availability, domestic agricultural policy and the foreign trade outlook in agricultural commodities and supporting trade negotiations;
2. Negotiating food aid agreements and agricultural credit lines;
3. Implementing agricultural technical assistance programs;
4. Facilitating professional contacts, exchanges, and technology transfer;
5. Assisting in negotiating bilateral and multilateral trade agreements;
6. Promoting the exports of agricultural and food products;
7. Providing information on Agricultural and Environmental affairs, and arranging for international credit lines, or consumer protection;
8. Providing briefings and assistance to visiting delegations;
9. Responsible for representing the Ministry at several international organisations like the, FAO, IFAD or WFP, and act as the contact persons at bilateral visits and events and cultivate the contacts in the Ministries in charge of agricultural and technical affairs of the relevant countries.
10. Undertaking foreign-related agricultural affairs and organize related international economic and technical exchanges and cooperation.



11. Observe, monitor and analyse the positions of countries in which they are located as to national, EU and international agricultural, fisheries, trade and veterinary and phytosanitary regulations
12. Communicating to MAAIF issues raised concerning the agricultural sector and chairing some of the committee meetings

Person Specifications

(a) Academic Qualifications

- An Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture/ Crop Science, Veterinary Medicine, Fisheries or Zoology or Aquatic or Biological science, from a recognized university/ institution;
- **MUST** have a Masters' Degree in any of the above fields from recognized Training Institution
- Possession of Post Graduate Qualification in international relations will be an added advantage

(b) Experience

Must have ten years working experience in a Government Department/ Ministry setting, three of which should have been at Principal Officer Level.

(c) Competencies

- Ability to understand and articulate issues relating to FAO, WFP, and IFAD
- Ability to handle delegates
- Excellent communication skills both orally and in writing
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Ability to prioritize and plan effectively
- Planning, organizing and Management skills
- Technical report writing
- Familiarity with agriculture sector issues in Uganda

