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<b>POSITION TITLE:</b>	<b>Regional Coordinator (Laboratory)</b>	<b>GRADE LEVEL:</b>	<b>P-4</b>
<b>ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:</b>	Emergency Centre for Transboundary Animal Disease (ECTAD) Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (RAP)	<b>DUTY STATION:</b>	<b>Bangkok, Thailand</b>
		<b>DURATION *:</b>	<b>Fixed Term: 1 Year - Extendable</b>
		<b>POST CODE/N<sup>o</sup>:</b>	<b>Unidentified</b>
		<b>CCOG CODE:</b>	<b>1H01</b>

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

**Qualified female applicants and qualified nationals of non-and under-represented member countries are encouraged to apply.  
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.**

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### Organizational Setting

The Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (RAP) is responsible for leading FAO's response to regional priorities for food security, agriculture and rural development through the identification, planning and implementation of FAO's priority activities in the region. It ensures a multidisciplinary approach to programmes, identifies priority areas of action for the Organization in the Region and, in collaboration with departments and divisions at Headquarters, develops, promotes and oversees FAO's strategic response to regional priorities. RAP also advises on the incorporation of regional priorities into the Organization's Programme of Work and Budget and implements approved programmes and projects in the region, monitors the level of programme implementation and draws attention to problems and deficiencies. RAP develops and maintains relations with region-wide institutions including the Regional Economic Integration Organizations (REIOs).

The Regional Office supports regional policy dialogue on food security, agriculture and rural development issues, facilitates the emergence of regional partnerships, and supports capacity development and resource mobilization for food security, agriculture and rural development in the region.

The post is located in Bangkok, Thailand and provides technical support to the project Emergency Centre for Transboundary Animal Disease (ECTAD) Operations in FAO's Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (RAP).

### Reporting Lines

The Regional Laboratory Coordinator reports to the Regional Manager of ECTAD in FAORAP.

**Technical Focus** Regional Laboratory Capacity Building and Networking Programme to contribute to SO5 Output 504020000 (Strengthened coordination capacities for better preparedness and response to crisis)

### Key Results

Laboratory diagnosis performed by member countries under the bio-safed environment with the reliable results which can be utilized by relevant regional stakeholders for prevention, control and eradication of transboundary animal diseases and zoonotic emerging infectious diseases (EIDs)

### Key Functions

- Develop, supervise and lead the implementation of the regional and national programmes and activities to strengthen laboratory capacity of member countries in the region;
- Design, supervise and lead the implementation of the regional laboratory quality assurance and biosafety and biosecurity improvement programme;
- Support the development and strengthening of regional and national laboratory networks;
- Coordinate with the ECTAD Country Teams to support the national laboratory capacity building programmes and ensure active participation of the National Animal Health Service Laboratories to the regional laboratory quality assurance and biosafety and biosecurity improvement programme
- Coordinate with designated International Reference Laboratories for transboundary animal diseases (TADs) and zoonotic emerging infectious diseases (EIDs) to ensure technology, reference reagents and trouble-shooting support is made available to the member countries;
- Serve as liaison officer with regional organizations, ASEAN and SAARC, and their member states to support the implementation of their regional strategic frameworks relevant to laboratory capacity building and networking;
- Advocate and supervise harmonization of data collection processes and sharing of data at national and regional laboratories in South/South East Asia;
- Identify and prepare a list for procurement of appropriate equipment and laboratory reagents, for countries in South and Southeast Asia.
- Identify data management needs for countries in South and Southeast Asia
- Plan, organize and lead workshops for laboratory diagnosis at the global, regional, and country levels;
- Serve as the liaison officer in Asia for virological and risk modelling activities within FAO projects linked to EPT Plus and EPT-2 as well as other projects if applicable;
- Provide technical support and guidance to the bio-surveillance component of the EPT-2 programme;

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- Enhance better cross-sectoral technical cooperation with the human health sector with respect to zoonotic diseases, particularly using 4-way linking platform;
  - Provide technical support to OFFLU-related activities from regional perspectives including the OFFLU contribution to the WHO Vaccine Composition Meeting;
  - Performs other related duties as required.

**Candidates will be assessed against the following**

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS**

*Candidates should meet the following:*

- Advanced university degree in Applied Biological Sciences or equivalent with a postgraduate emphasis on molecular diagnostics and analysis, applied epidemiology (descriptive, analytical and/or molecular) and virology
- Seven years of relevant experience with clinical and laboratory diagnostic techniques, national and regional approaches to animal disease control, with 7 years at the international level and 3 years of experience for Asia
- Working knowledge of English

**Competencies**

- Results Focus
- Teamwork
- Communication
- Building Effective Relationships
- Knowledge Sharing and Continuous Improvement

**Technical/Functional Skills**

- Work experience in more than one location or area of work, particularly in field positions is desirable
- Extent and relevance of experience in planning, supervision, coordination and organization of national or regional laboratory network for control programme of a disease of strategic relevance to the ECTAD programme
- Depth of knowledge and understanding of all aspects of applied virology, field-laboratory cooperation, quality assurance/quality control in laboratory settings, vaccines selection and use, and diagnostic methods
- Proficient technical report preparation skills
- Extent and relevance of experience in liaison with partners and institutional contexts
- Familiarity with UN or other international agencies field programmes
- Working knowledge of French is an asset
- All candidates should possess computer/word processing skills

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Please note that all candidates should adhere to *FAO Values of Commitment to FAO, Respect for All and Integrity and Transparency*.

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**TO APPLY:**

Carefully read and follow the **Guidelines to applicants**

Send your application to: V.A **RAP-46-15-PRJ**  
FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific

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