



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Vacancy Announcement No: 1900444

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Deadline For Application: **15 March 2019**

Position Title:	Forestry Officer (Climate Finance and REDD+)	Grade Level:	P-4
		Duty Station:	Italy, Rome
Organizational Unit:	Forest Policy and Resources Division, FOA	Duration *:	Fixed term: one year with possibility of extension
		Post Number:	2007098
		CCOG Code:	1H06

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Organizational Setting

The Forestry Policy and Resources Division (FOA) leads FAO's work in promoting sustainable forest management and providing leadership on the environmental, social and economic dimensions of forestry, including its contributions to poverty reduction and food security and nutrition. It liaises with member countries, civil society and the private sector in aspects ranging from development of effective forest policies to forest conservation and management issues, and strengthens the role of forests in climate change mitigation and adaptation. The Division also collects, analyses and disseminates information on the world's forest resources and on the production, trade and consumption of wood and non-wood forest products.

The post is located in the Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+) Team, which supports developing countries in their efforts to mitigate climate change through the implementation of REDD+ activities while contributing to national sustainable development. The work of the team supports implementation of FAO's Strategic Programme 2 'Making agriculture, forestry and fisheries more productive and sustainable'.

Reporting Lines

The Forestry Officer reports to the Team Leader REDD+, under the overall guidance of the Coordinator REDD+/National Forest Monitoring (NFM) and Director, FOA. The incumbent will work closely with the decentralized offices, Forestry Department (FO) forestry experts and with other relevant FAO units.

Technical Focus

The incumbent will lead and provide technical guidance and advice for FAO REDD+ work on economic and financial analysis of REDD+ implementation; and market and non-market approaches for REDD+ incentives, including on deforestation-free value chains, fiscal incentives, and payments and benefit sharing mechanisms for REDD+ results.

Key Results

Comprehensive technical and policy expertise to support the planning, development and implementation of departmental/divisional programmes, projects, products and services in accordance with departmental/divisional objectives and FAO Strategic Objectives.

Key Functions

- Plans and leads components of multidisciplinary teams, leads and/or participates in Organization-wide, cross-departmental committees, project teams, and working groups and/or provides specialized expertise on technical networks and/or international technical policy and/or international technical policy and standard setting bodies;
- Develops technical, analytical, monitoring and reporting frameworks, and related methodologies, tools, systems and databases etc. to support the planning, implementation/delivery and monitoring of programmes of work, projects, products and/or services;
- Designs and conducts research, data collection, validation, analysis and/or reporting activities to support the development of technical standards, international instruments, innovative approaches and strategies, new tools, technologies, technical reports/publications, and/or policy proposals as well as the provision of technical/policy/specialist/advice and expertise;
- Responds to country requests for technical and policy assistance, provides technical advice, assistance and solutions to decentralized offices and provides technical backstopping to field projects;
- Collaborates in, provides technical backstopping to and ensures the quality/effectiveness of capacity development and knowledge sharing activities within member countries such as policy support, organizational development and individual learning events including preparation of related information, learning materials, online tools;
- Promotes international cooperation/advocates best practices, increased policy dialogue and provides technical

- expertise at international/intergovernmental meetings;
- Participates in resource mobilization activities in accordance with the FAO corporate strategy.

Specific Functions

- Provides guidance and technical input on climate finance and other options for an effective implementation of REDD+ strategies and investments, taking into account integration with national climate actions and the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs);
- Analyses incentive measures for stakeholders to change agriculture and land use practices that drive deforestation and degradation, including market and non-market approaches for REDD+ incentives;
- Develops approaches to link economic analysis and policy assessments to forest monitoring systems for REDD+;
- Assesses status and trends of carbon markets and provide advice to countries to advance REDD+ actions;
- Enhances private sector involvement in REDD+ investments, including in the implementation of REDD+ results-based finance;
- Analyses incentives driving finance and investment in forestry and agriculture related to REDD+, and supports countries in developing and implementing deforestation-free value chains and implementing relevant policy frameworks to support emission reductions;
- Develops and manages project activities to support country implementation of REDD+ in accordance with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) provisions, NDCs and FAO Strategic Objectives;
- Collaborates with other REDD+ agencies, actors and initiatives at regional and national levels such as United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the World Bank;
- Performs other duties as required.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in forestry, economics, agriculture, natural resources management or a related field;
- Seven years of relevant experience in climate finance, REDD+ and economics, and experience in developing countries;
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese, Russian.

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;
- Depth of familiarity with climate finance, result based payments and the REDD+ agenda under UNFCCC;
- Extent and relevance of experience in capacity building for REDD+ implementation, including at country level in developing countries;
- Extent and relevance of experience in project/programme management and implementation in developing countries, particularly in cross-sectoral, integrated projects;
- Extent and relevance of experience in analytical work and economic modelling, including across agricultural and forestry sectors;
- Relevance of experience with the United Nations, intergovernmental and international organizations is considered a strong asset.

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

GENERAL INFORMATION

- All candidates should possess computer/word processing skills
 - Candidates endorsed in the selection process for this vacancy announcement will be considered for the FAO Professional Employment Roster for a period of two years. The Roster is used to fill other similar positions at the same or lower grade, and in the same or another duty station
 - FAO reserves the right not to make an appointment, to make an appointment at a lower grade, or to make an appointment with a modified job description.
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CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

A competitive compensation and benefits package is offered. For information on UN salaries, allowances and benefits, click on the following link: http://www.un.org/Depts/OHRM/salaries_allowances/salary.htm

Other benefits, subject to eligibility, include:

- Dependency allowances
- Rental subsidy
- Education grant for children
- Home leave travel
- 30 working days of annual leave per year
- Pension fund entitlements under the UN Joint Staff Pension Fund
- International health insurance; optional life insurance
- Disability protection

FAO encourages a positive workplace culture to increase inclusivity and diversity within its workforce. FAO applies measures in which all staff members contribute equally and in full to the work and development of the Organization. This includes:

- elements of family-friendly policies
- flexible working arrangements
- standards of conduct

HOW TO APPLY

- To apply, visit the recruitment website at https://jobs.fao.org/careersection/fao_external/jobdetail.ftl?job=1900444 and complete your online profile. We strongly recommend that your profile is accurate, complete and includes your employment records, academic qualifications and language skills.
- Candidates are requested to attach a letter of motivation to the online profile;
- Once your profile is completed, please apply and submit your application;
- Your application will be screened based on the information provided on your online profile;
- Please note that FAO will only consider academic credentials or degrees obtained from an educational institution recognized in the IAU/UNESCO list;
- Candidates may be requested to provide performance assessments and authorization to conduct verification checks of past and present work, character, education, military and police records to ascertain any and all information which may be pertinent to the employment qualifications;
- Incomplete applications will not be considered;
- Only applications received through the FAO recruitment portal will be considered;
- Vacancies will be removed from the recruitment portal at 23:59 Central European Time (CET) on the deadline for applications date;
- We encourage applicants to submit the application well before the deadline date;

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