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Deadline For Application: **28 February 2014**

POSITION TITLE:	Forestry Officer (REDD+)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-2
		DUTY STATION:	Colombo, Sri Lanka
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Forest Assessment, Management and Conservation Division (FOM) Forestry Department (FO)	DURATION *:	12 months (extendable)
		POST CODE/N°:	Unidentified
		CCOG CODE:	1.H.06

Applications from qualified women as well as from qualified nationals of non-and under-represented member countries are encouraged

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.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the overall managerial administrative leadership of the FAO Representative (FAOR) in Sri Lanka, the general guidance of the Director FOM, the technical backstopping of the Forestry Department and FAO forestry experts, and in close collaboration with UN-REDD Programme, the incumbent will provide support to the implementation of the programme. In particular, the incumbent will:

- provide technical guidance on forest monitoring and Measuring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) components for REDD+ Sri Lanka Country Programme as a key member of the Programme Management Unit (PMU);
- support the establishment of a national system for Measurement, Reporting and Verification and support appropriate institutional and procedural arrangements, in consultation with SRI Lanka PMU;
- provide technical advice and assist national consultants on forest monitoring system, GHG inventory, and Forest Inventory;
- coordinate regular meetings of the National MRV Team and participate in regular consultations and activities undertaken throughout the UN-REDD programme implementation, as well as in national and regional meetings relevant to the tasks above;
- work closely with partners in Sri Lanka and elsewhere to ensure coordination and complementarities in the implementation of the UN-REDD National Programme, in synergy with regional and international initiatives;
- conduct stakeholder mapping on forest monitoring and measuring, reporting and verification systems;
- perform the data collection on all REDD+ related land cover, land use maps, activity data and emission factors and prepare data sharing agreements and archiving system for REDD+;
- provide inputs to the establishment of national definitions of forest and forest classifications, mapping of national forest and forest stratification;
- provide technical support on the development of a functional satellite forest monitoring system based on available satellite imagery and national technical, financial and human resources;
- organize training for national staff involved in MRV and forest monitoring activities (MRV, IPCC, National Forest Inventory, GHG Inventory, Forest Monitoring System); prepare brief periodic progress reports (quarterly and annual) and a general report at the end of the mission;
- perform other duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- University degree in forestry, environmental sciences, or a closely related field
- Three years relevant experience in forest monitoring, forest ecology, including in developing countries
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese or Russian

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Good knowledge of climate change negotiations, REDD+, MRV procedures and methodologies under the UNFCCC
- Extent and relevance of academic achievements in subjects relevant to forest inventory, remote sensing and GIS
- Knowledge of forest inventory and monitoring, especially in Asia
- Quality of both oral and written communication skills
- Demonstrated ability to work as an effective team member
- Extent of experience in forest monitoring in developing countries
- Demonstrated Initiative and ability to deliver results within deadlines

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.

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

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