

PROFESSIONAL VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT N^o: FOM-27-15-PRJ

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POSITION TITLE:	Forestry Officer (Senior Resource Assessment Expert)	GRADE LEVEL:	P3
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Forest Assessment, Management and Conservation Division, FOM Forestry Department	DUTY STATION:	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
		DURATION *:	Fixed term: one year (renewable)
		POST CODE/N ^o :	
		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 direct supervision of the FAO Representative in Ethiopia, the technical guidance of the Lead Technical Officers (LTOs) and in close collaboration with the International MRV Specialist recruited by the Ministry of Environment and Forestry (MEF) and the National REDD+ Secretariat, the Forestry officer will provide support to the "Implementation of a national forest monitoring and MRV system for REDD+ readiness in Ethiopia" project. He/she will also provide technical guidance and quality assurance to the execution of the National Forest Inventory (NFI) and the implementation of the MRV system (LULC change analysis, AD, EF and RL calculations), support MEF in building its technical capacity for forest resource monitoring as well as support institutional strengthening and planning related to NFI and MRV system. In particular, the incumbent will:

- Participate in multi-disciplinary teams, and/or lead working groups/teams collaborate with other departments and agencies on work groups and committees and promote best practices
- Assist MEF in planning, executing and monitoring activities conceptualized in the project document, including developing work plans, ToRs, workshops & training courses and national capacity building programmes in consultation with National Project Coordinators;
- Provide support in ensuring technical clearance of NFI field forms, work plans, services, products and deliverables, monitor overall progress of the work plan and see that foreseen project outputs and outcomes are achieved;
- Support MEF supervisors in monitoring and supervising field crews during the field survey and provide technical guidance with frequent visits to field crews;
- Assess existing data storage and management systems relevant for MRV and design and implement management solutions for key elements of the MRV system;
- Liaise with the national/international information system expert to set up and maintain a database to enter, validate, clean and store the NFI field data and prepare scripts for data processing;
- Coach and monitor NFI data entry & data processing teams and perform data processing;
- Collaborate with the national remote sensing experts to ensure that satellite-based LULC change maps and data from NFI are harmonized;
- Support trainings on remote-sensing techniques/analysis and open-source GIS software, NFI, MRV, REDD+ for key mapping institutions;
- Support work on land cover change assessment with accuracy assessment and assess potential trends;
- Support calculation of estimates for both activity data and emission factors as input for FREL estimates/models at the national & regional level;
- Support the development and implementation of a clear and transparent procedure for Technical Quality Assurance for the NFI and associated data processing;
- Provide support in transferring NFI related data, documents and reports for monitoring the activities by the Government;
- Ensure communication and outreach activities to disseminate results and raise visibility of the NFI outputs;
- Prepare project reports and related publications;
- Communicate regularly to LTO, FAO representation and to the MRV working group on the progress of the NFI & MRV-related work, challenges encountered and actions taken;
- Perform other duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced University Degree in forestry, natural resources, environment, earth/environment sciences or a related field
- Five years of relevant experience in technical advisory roles in forestry management, biodiversity conservation and sustainable development
- Working knowledge of English

Competencies

- Results Focus

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

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Work experience in more than one location or area of work, particularly in field positions is desirable
- Extent and relevance of experience in leading large scale and multi-faceted projects related to forestry, natural resources management preferably in the African region
- Advanced analytical and problem-solving skills
- Knowledge and practical experience of a broad range of forestry and sustainable development issues in relation to climate change mitigation
- Extent and relevance of experience in climate change negotiations within the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), particularly related to REDD+ and MRV for REDD+
- Extent and relevance of experience in statistical software/programming language for data processing (e.g. R, SQL)
- Extent and relevance of experience in leading teams
- Extent and relevance of experience in liaising with international development agencies and government agencies
- Extent and relevance of experience in forest data entry, data processing and analysis as well as on remote sensing and spatial data analysis applied to natural resources evaluation

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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TO APPLY:

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

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