



POSITION TITLE:	Senior Officer (Land/Soil Resources)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-5
		DUTY STATION:	Rome - Italy
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	LAND AND WATER DIVISION, NRL	DURATION* :	FT: 3 years
	Natural Resources Management and Environment Department, NR	POST CODE/N ^o :	0073407
		CCOG CODE:	1H07b

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

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the overall guidance of the Director, NRL, and the supervision of the Principal Officer, working closely with other technical officers in the Division, the incumbent will provide leadership, coordination and supervisory support for activities related to land and soil resources development, management and conservation. In particular will:

- lead adequate integration of land and soil issues in the work of other technical units;
- guide - or participate in - periodic assessments and analyses of the land and soil situations and of relevant policies and programmes in member countries;
- provide guidance, technical backstopping and advisory support services for the design and implementation of regional and, where appropriate, national land and soil resources planning and management programmes and projects;
- lead the preparation of sector studies on land and soil resources assessment to identify policy options and priorities for investment;
- advise FAO members, national ministries and departments and other relevant institutions in the regions on the application of integrated approaches to land and soil resources management at regional and national levels, and on the application and use of information and decision support systems on integrated land and soil resources management;
- lead the analysis and dissemination of data and information related to land and soil resources use and sustainable land management practices (including soil and water management);
- plan, organize and lead technical meetings, seminars, workshops and training courses relevant to the work of NRL;
- supervise and coordinate knowledge networks and the exchange of information to promote regional cooperation, planning and reporting by ensuring wide contacts with universities, research institutions, regional organizations, UN and related agencies;
- prepare technical papers and working documents and organize relevant FAO regional conferences and meetings;
- contribute to the implementation of the Regular Programme and provide inputs for periodic planning;
- perform other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced degree in land resources management, agriculture and soil science or related field
- Ten years of relevant experience in land and soil resources management, of which at least three at international level ; experience in developing countries
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent of experience in land and soil resources management, planning and assessments at global, national and local levels, including project formulation and resources mobilization, and advice for land and soil related policy and planning building on land and soil resources assessment and management experiences on the ground
- Level and relevance of experience with international organizations and in developing countries
- Level of knowledge of other fields related to land and water development for agriculture, such as environmental services, integrated land and water management and management of degraded and problem soils
- Extent of experience in organizing international workshops and in developing technical training material
- Excellent communication skills, both orally and in writing
- Proven ability to lead large field and normative programmes and projects
- Expertise in remote sensing, GIS and database management is an asset
- Ability to plan, lead and organize activities

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.

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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**

TO APPLY: Carefully read and follow the Guidelines to applicants

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