



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

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Deadline For Application: **26 April 2013**

POSITION TITLE:	Natural Resources Officer (Payment for Environmental Services - PES)	GRADE LEVEL:	P3
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Natural Resources Management and Environment Department, NR	DUTY STATION:	Rome, Italy
		DURATION *:	12 months (with possibility of extension)
		POST CODE/N°:	unidentified
		CCOG CODE:	1R

Applications from qualified women as well as from qualified nationals of non- and under-represented 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 guidance of the Assistant Director-General, NR and the direct supervision of project coordinator and the budget holder of the project "Remuneration of positive externalities/Payments for ecosystem services in the agriculture and food sectors", the incumbent will provide technical support to the project and be responsible for the implementation of some of its components. In particular, the incumbent will:

- prepare and participate in project steering committee meetings and provide advice on the workplan and different components of the project;
- liaise with related FAO initiatives to align activities, identify cooperation opportunities and provide technical support to their related Payment for Environmental Services (PES) work, fostering environmental service planning and incentive design in FAO;
- support knowledge management, document lessons learned and good practices, and create linkages with other ongoing PES initiatives and partnerships;
- plan, coordinate and backstop the field partners contributing with outputs for the project (notably through factsheets);
- provide technical support to member countries in the implementation, analysis and updating of their PES strategies, drawing on the project's findings;
- draft technical papers and contribute to the preparation of policy documents;
- organize and participate in project outreach events ;
- liaise with communication team on design and content creation and management of the project website;
- perform other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced university degree in agricultural economics, geography, rural development or closely related fields
- Five years of relevant experience in agriculture and rural development, including incentives for adoption of improved practices especially Payment for Environmental Services
- Working knowledge of English and, 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:

- Extent of knowledge of agricultural policies, environmental services and related funding mechanisms
- Extent of experience in PES schemes, including international experience particularly in developing countries
- Extent of experience in creating and maintaining partnerships with other organizations and specialists involved in PES
- Experience in dealing with regional economic communities and government officials, development partners and beneficiaries in the context of technical assistance projects
- Ability to develop work plans for the implementation and coordination of project operations
- Knowledge of the FAO administrative and financial procedures will be considered an asset
- Good communication skills, both oral and in writing

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**

REMUNERATION

A competitive compensation and benefits package is offered. For information on UN salaries, allowances and benefits, click on the following link: <http://icsc.un.org/>

For guidelines to applicants, please visit the Application Toolkit at: <http://www.fao.org/employment/current-vacancies/project/en/>

Send your application to:

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