



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Vacancy Announcement No: IRC5907

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Deadline For Application: 14 December 2018

Position Title:	Forestry Officer (REDD+)	Grade Level:	P-4
		Duty Station:	Italy, Rome
Organizational Unit:	Forest Policy and Resources Division, FOA	Duration *:	Fixed term: two years (with possibility of extension)
		Post Number:	2007021
		CCOG Code:	1H06

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

**Qualified female applicants and qualified nationals of non-and under-represented member countries are encouraged to apply.
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.

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.

Reporting Lines

The Forestry Officer reports to the REDD+ Coordinator, FOA, under the overall guidance of Director, FOA. She/he will work in close collaboration with the National Forest Monitoring team, other FAO units, as well as decentralized offices, especially the Regional, Subregional and FAO country offices in Africa.

Technical Focus

The Forestry Officer will provide leadership, technical guidance and coordination to build country capacity for REDD+ readiness and implementation, and within the context of FAO's Strategic Framework, in particular to Strategic Programme 2 on making agriculture, fisheries and forestry more productive and sustainable.

Key Results

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

Key Functions

- Plans and leads components of multidisciplinary teams, leads and/or participates on 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 leadership, technical advice and coordination to build capacity in partner countries for REDD+ readiness and implementation, especially in the areas of Measurement, Reporting and Verification (MRV), improved transparency and governance, particularly across forest and agricultural sectors;
- Guides the development of tools, methods and approaches supporting REDD+ implementation, and their application by countries, supporting countries in implementing Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through cross-sectorial, integrated approaches and related monitoring and reporting;
- Plans, coordinates and monitors FAO REDD+ efforts for the Africa region, ensuring coordinated and consistent technical and policy expertise by the REDD team+ and other FO units as well as contribution to the enabling environment at the country level in accordance with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) provisions, Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) under UNFCCC and the SDGs;
- Analyses challenges related to REDD+ implementation and provides scenarios and options for reducing deforestation and forest degradation, across forestry, agriculture and other relevant sectors;
- Establishes new partnerships and strengthens existing collaboration with other REDD+ agencies, actors and initiatives at global, regional and national levels such as UNDP, UNEP and the World Bank;
- Supports resource mobilization, and develops and manages project activities for country implementation of REDD+;
- Performs other duties as required.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in forestry, natural resources management or a related field ;
- Seven years of relevant experience in REDD+, including on forest resources assessment;
- 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;
- Extent and relevance of experience and knowledge in REDD+ and ability to analyse complex REDD+-related issues;
- Extent and relevance of experience in supporting capacity building in developing countries and knowledge of their forests and agricultural situation, in particular in Africa;
- Extent and relevance of experience in working with agricultural sectors in cross-sectorial, integrated projects or programmes at country level;
- Extent and relevance of experience in project formulation, implementation and management;
- Extent and relevance of experience in establishing and working in partnerships;
- Ability to mobilize resources.

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- All candidates should possess computer/word processing skills
- Your application will be screened based on the information provided in your iRecruitment online profile (see “*How to Apply*”). We strongly recommend that you ensure that the information is accurate and complete including employment record, academic qualifications and language skills
- Please note that FAO will only consider academic credentials or degrees obtained from an educational institution recognized in the IAU/UNESCO list
- Other similar positions at the same level may be filled from this vacancy notice and the endorsed candidates will be considered for the Employment Roster for a period of two years
- Candidates may be requested to provide performance assessments

REMUNERATION

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HOW TO APPLY

To apply, visit the iRecruitment website at <http://www.fao.org/employment/irecruitment-access/en/> and complete your online profile. Only applications received through iRecruitment will be considered.

Candidates are requested to attach a letter of motivation to the online profile.

Vacancies will be removed from iRecruitment 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.

If you need help, or have queries, please contact: iRecruitment@fao.org

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