



POSITION TITLE:	FORESTRY OFFICER	GRADE LEVEL:	P-3
		DUTY STATION:	Rome, Italy
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Forest Assessment, Management and Conservation Division (FOM)	DURATION *:	Fixed term: one year (renewable)
	Forestry Department (FO)	POST CODE/N°:	unidentified
		CCOG CODE:	1.H.06

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.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The United Nations Programme on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation in Developing Countries (UN-REDD Programme) is a collaboration between FAO, UNDP and UNEP. Within the partnership, FAO supports countries on technical issues related to national forest monitoring systems (NFMS), the development of cost effective and reliable Measurement, Reporting and Verification (MRV) processes and tools for emission reductions, forest reference levels and forest reference emission levels, as well as on forest governance, tenure and legal issues in the context of REDD+ activities. The Organization therefore wishes to recruit a UN-REDD technical advisor to coordinate its support in the Africa region, ensure technical consistency of its efforts across technical thematic teams operating in Africa and support the Organisation's coordination efforts in the region with the other UN-REDD agencies and other multilateral partners and initiatives.

Under the overall guidance of the Director FOM and the direct supervision of the UN-REDD Team Leader, and in close collaboration with FO experts working on REDD+ relevant issues, the Forestry Officer will:

- Plan, coordinate and monitor FAO UN-REDD efforts for the Africa region, liaise with UN-REDD and FO forestry experts stationed in the region to ensure coordination of support, and ensure the provision of coordinated and consistent technical and policy expertise by the UN-REDD team and other FO teams supporting the region and in accordance with FAO Strategic Objectives;
- Participate on Organization-wide, cross-Departmental committees, project teams and working groups;
- Provide technical advice and policy guidance, programming, implementation and monitoring support to UN-REDD partner countries in the region as well as FAO country offices, particularly on issues related to National Forest Monitoring System(s), Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV), Forest Reference Level/Forest Reference Emissions Levels (FRL/FRELS) as well as REDD+ governance, tenure and legal issues;
- Assist countries in the region to access UN-REDD support, to better understand operating and funding modalities and in identifying and accessing other complementary sources of financing;
- Support the development of technical assessment, methodologies, tools as well as systems to support the planning, implementation/delivery and monitoring of the UN-REDD FAO activities and services in the Africa region and support the monitoring of FAO's REDD+ activities at regional level;
- Identify REDD+ related problems and issues to be addressed and initiate corrective actions, liaise with relevant FAO units and ensure follow-up actions;
- Liaise with UNDP and UNEP teams to support the UN-REDD National Programme and targeted support activities, as well as with other REDD+ actors such as the World Bank's Forest Carbon Partnership Facility;
- Plan the activities, provide substantive technical direction and coordinate the overall work of the technical area group on FRELS/FRLs of the UN-REDD Programme;
- Participate in resource mobilization activities in the sub-region in accordance with the FAO Corporate strategy;
- Perform other duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced University Degree in Forestry, Natural Resources Management or a related field
- Five years of relevant experience in the field of forest resources monitoring and assessment or forest management, at international level
- Working knowledge of English and French, limited knowledge of Spanish

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent and relevance of experience in the field of forest resources monitoring and assessment or forest management,

- preferably in developing countries in particular in Africa
- Extent and relevance of experience in forest carbon monitoring and inventories (remote sensing and/or field measurements) and on the REDD+ agenda under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), its negotiations, challenges and opportunities
 - Knowledge of the principles and practises of Monitoring, MRV systems and Forest Reference Levels for REDD+ under development by the UN-REDD Programme, as demonstrated by publications and trainings on these topics
 - Extend and relevance of experience leading projects and teams
 - Excellent communication skills both orally and in writing
 - Work experience in more than one location or area of work, particularly in field positions is desirable
 - Extent and relevance of academic qualifications is considered a strong asset
 - Limited knowledge of Portuguese is desirable

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://www.un.org/Depts/OHRM/salaries_allowances/salary.htm

TO APPLY:

Carefully read and follow the Guidelines to applicants

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