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Deadline For Application: 28 July 2014

POSITION TITLE:	Forestry Officer	GRADE LEVEL:	P-4
		DUTY STATION:	Nairobi, Kenya
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Forest Assessment, Management and Conservation Division (FOM)	DURATION *:	Fixed term: 1 year (with possible extension)
	Forestry Department (FO)	POST CODE/N ^o :	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 forest monitoring and the development of cost effective and reliable Measurement, Reporting and Verification (MRV) processes and tools for emission reductions in the context of REDD+ activities. The UN-REDD Programme is growing rapidly, notably in the Africa region.

In order to support the REDD+ agenda of Congo Basin countries, international initiatives have been instigated in all countries of the region, notably through the support of the World Bank-led FCPF and the UN-REDD Programme. Other initiatives, such as the World Bank's GEF Project for the preparation of REDD institutional capacity-building in the Congo Basin Forest, as well as the Congo Basin Forest Fund regional project supported by COMIFAC and FAO entitled "National Monitoring Systems and MRV with Regional Approach for Congo Basin Countries" are also contributing to enhance regional capacity building, planning, coordination and collaboration on REDD+ among all COMIFAC countries.

To support this wide array of REDD+ efforts and activities, FAO has deployed several UN-REDD experts throughout the Congo Basin, providing extensive technical, operational, financial and institutional support to its member countries. As demand for FAO's support in the region is increasing, the Organization wishes to recruit a UN-REDD sub-regional advisor to support its work in the Congo Basin.

Under the overall guidance of the Director FOM, the managerial and technical supervision of the UN-REDD Team Leader (FO, HQ) and in close collaboration with the UN-REDD regional advisor for Africa, the sub-regional coordinator in Libreville and the UNDP and UNEP UN-REDD Congo Basin teams, the Forestry Officer for the Congo Basin will provide technical and policy expertise to support the planning, financing, development and implementation of the team's activities in the Congo Basin in accordance with FAO Strategic Objectives. In particular, the incumbent will:

- support the work of a multi-disciplinary team in Africa, in particular those in Congo Basin Countries, lead and/or 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 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) and Reference Level/Reference Emission Levels (RL/RELS);
- assist countries in the sub-region to access UN-REDD support, to better understand operating and funding modalities and in identifying and accessing other complementary sources of financing;
- provide technical backstopping and ensures the quality / effectiveness of capacity development and knowledge sharing activities for Congo Basin countries such as policy support, organizational development and individual learning events including preparation of related information, learning materials, on-line tools;
- develop technical, analysis, assessment, monitoring and reporting frameworks, and related methodologies, tools, systems to support the planning, implementation/delivery and monitoring of the UN-REDD FAO activities and services in particular in Congo Basin countries;
- ensure close coordination and creation of synergies between the UN-REDD activities and other relevant initiatives undertaken by FAO in the region, most notably those related to REDD+ and to forest monitoring and management;
- closely coordinate and collaborate with UNDP and UNEP regional teams to support the UN-REDD National Programmes and targeted support activities, as well as with other REDD+ actors such as the World Bank's Forest Carbon Partnership Facility, COMIFAC and others at regional and national levels for the implementation of REDD+ activities;
- support the monitoring of FAO's REDD+ activities at regional level (programme/project preparation and submissions, progress reports, financial statements, etc.), identify REDD+ related problems and issues to be addressed and initiate corrective actions, liaise with relevant parties and ensure follow-up actions;
- participate in resource mobilization activities in the sub-region in accordance with the FAO Corporate strategy.
- perform other duties as required.

***Appointment/promotion to this position is for duration of assignment only**

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced University Degree in Forestry, Natural Resources or a related field
- Seven years of relevant experience in the field of forest resources monitoring and assessment or forest management, which includes international experience, preferably in developing countries and with international organizations
- 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 delivering capacity building, project implementation, coordination, planning, monitoring and reporting in forestry, preferably in Africa
- Extent and relevance of experience in forest resources monitoring and inventories (remote sensing and field measurements) and on the REDD+ agenda under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), its negotiations, challenges and opportunities
- Good knowledge of the principles and practises of Monitoring and MRV systems for REDD+ under development by the UN-REDD Programme
- Extent and relevance of experience leading project and teams is considered a strong asset
- 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

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

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