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POSITION TITLE:	Project Coordinator (International)	GRADE LEVEL:	P5
		DUTY STATION:	Rome, Italy
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Forest Assessment, Management and Conservation Division, FOM Forestry Department	DURATION *:	Fixed Term: 2 years (with possibility of extension)
		POST CODE/N°:	unidentified
		CCOG CODE:	1.H.06

Applications from qualified women as well as from qualified nationals of non-and under-represented member 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 general guidance of the Director, Forest Assessment, Management and Conservation Division (FOM) and overall supervision of the Forestry officer (Drylands), and in close collaboration with other FAO officers covering related technical fields, the incumbent will coordinate and manage the outputs, activities and resources of the European Union-Africa, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) funded project "Action Against Desertification". He/she will be responsible for the production of all project reports, budgets and work plans.

The specific objective of the project is to improve the condition and productivity of the agro-sylvo-pastoral landscapes affected by desertification, land degradation and drought (DLDD) in Africa, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries by supporting the implementation of the Great Green Wall action plans in Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Gambia, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) national action programmes in Fiji and Haiti and South-South Cooperation in ACP countries.

The incumbent will work in close collaboration with the relevant technical units at headquarters, decentralized offices staff and partners (including FAO staff, project team and partner organizations and countries in Africa, Caribbean and Pacific). In particular, he/she will:

- Provide vision, leadership, strategic thinking and ensure adequate use of operational and technical tools, measures, approaches and best practices for the sustainable management and restoration of agro-sylvo-pastoral landscapes in fragile ecosystems and delivery of project objectives and expected results;
- Ensure and be responsible for the production of all project reports, budgets, work plans as well as for the production project expected deliverables;
- Oversee the completion of the project's Monitoring and Evaluation plan and supervise its implementation, in collaboration with the country project teams as well as the completion of the baseline assessments and their compliance with the M&E plan;
- Lead the establishment / selection of the regional/country project teams and manage them in the preparation and implementation of project work plans and budgets for the delivery of expected project objective and outputs ;
- Supervise project teams and partners in formulating and implementing sustainable land, forest and water management and restoration plans and activities in selected landscapes and other project deliverables as required;
- Undertake regular backstopping field missions to the project intervention areas to plan, monitor, review, identify gaps and advise on corrective measures and the adaptive management of project activities in a timely manner and provide technical inputs and guidance for the preparation of partnership agreements at country, regional and international levels as deemed necessary to support the delivery of project results;
- Prepare, in close collaboration with the project teams, annual work plans and budgets for cross-cutting interregional activities.
- Prepare, with contributions from the project team, the project periodic technical progress and final reports, ensuring conformity with the project's reporting requirements and schedule;
- Coordinate the organization of the project's mid-term evaluation and final evaluation.
- Build a network of regular and sustained communications and coordination actions (e.g. meetings, field trips, skype/telephone conferences, emails) with project teams and partners in the regions/ countries;
- Produce and facilitate the production of documentation (in English and French) of all project approaches, methods, tools, outputs, experiences, best practices and lessons learned;
- Lead the project team, with guidance from the FAO Communications officer, in the design and implementation of a communications work plan for the project;
- Act as Secretary for the overall Project Steering Committee;
- Perform other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced university degree in Forestry, Environmental sciences or related field with relevant publications in the areas of expertise
- Ten years of relevant experience in working as an international programme or project coordinator / manager, with international organizations related to forestry, environmental and natural resources management with emphasis on drylands
- Working knowledge of English and French

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Relevance and extent of academic qualifications with relevant publications in the areas of expertise
- Relevance and extent of experience in programme or project coordination, management in forestry or environmental sciences preferably in Africa and/or Caribbean or Pacific
- Depth of technical knowledge and experience in a broad range of technical fields associated with sustainable land /forest management and restoration , combating desertification
- Demonstrated ability to work as an effective team leader initiate and work effectively with networks and partner organizations, in a global scope, multi-country and multi-stakeholder large and complex setting
- Relevance and extent of experience in facilitating contacts / negotiating and working with stakeholders at different levels including governments, international organizations/ agencies, technical intergovernmental organizations, research community, development community, civil society, local communities and donors
- Extent of communication skills including ability to write clearly, concisely and edit reports and technical publications and papers in French and English
- Extent of capacity development experience in developing countries
- Experience specifically in Africa and/or Caribbean and Pacific regions would be an asset

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**

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TO APPLY:

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

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