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POSITION TITLE:	Legal Officer (REDD+ forestry matters)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-2
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Forest Assessment, Management and Conservation Division, FOM Forestry Department, FO	DUTY STATION:	Panama City, Panama
		DURATION *:	Fixed-term 1 year (with possible extension)
		POST NUMBER:	unidentified
		CCOG CODE:	1G

* 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 Forest Assessment, Management and Conservation Division provides services to member countries on matters relating to the forest assessment, development, management, conservation, restoration and protection of forests, trees, water, mountains, biodiversity, wildlife and related natural resources as well as for providing a neutral forum for the discussion of such topics.

Other topics of interest for the Division are agroforestry, urban forestry, and forests and climate change, including Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+).

The United Nations Programme on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation in Developing Countries (UN-REDD Programme) is a collaboration programme 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 UN-REDD Programme is growing rapidly. The Organization therefore wishes to recruit a UN-REDD technical advisor to support all member countries in their efforts to develop Forest Reference Emission Levels and/or Forest Reference Levels for REDD+ to ensure technical consistency with the guidance provided by the UNFCCC and develop and implement improvements over time, and lease with other Organisation's efforts in in this areas for knowledge sharing and coordination.

The post is located in the FAO sub-regional Office for Latin-America and the Caribbean (Panama City, Panama).

Reporting Lines

The Legal Officer (REDD+_forestry matters) reports to the FAO UN-REDD Team Leader – FOM in close collaboration with the UN-REDD regional advisor and liason for Latin America and the Caribbean, and under the overall guidance of the Director, FOM. The Officer will be under the general technical supervision of and will liaise and report regularly to the Chief of the Development Law Branch (LEGN) and the LEGN Legal Officer outposted in the FAO Regional Office in Santiago (Chile).

Technical Focus

Legal, Tenure, Safeguards, REDD+ Governance aspects.

Provide legal, institutional assistance and related technical advices on governance aspects to UN-REDD countries focusing on the four pillars of REDD+ in accordance with the Cancun Agreements adopted in 2010 (Dec.1/CP 16) and the latest REDD+ decisions adopted by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

Particularly, legal preparedness activities in Latin-America and the Caribbean may include the establishment of legally prescribed institutional arrangements for national forest monitoring systems, support the implementation of national REDD+ strategies, prevent overlaps between sectoral laws, clarify REDD+ tenure aspects, ensure REDD+ safeguards are addressed and design effective mechanisms to share benefits.

Key Results

Collection and analysis of information, data and statistics and project/meeting services to support programme projects, products and services.

Key Functions

- Collects and analyzes relevant technical, social, legal, economic, environmental, institutional and technology related information, data and/or statistics to support the delivery of programme projects, products and services;
- Undertakes analysis, provides technical input for plans and reports and edits/revises technical/scientific documents;
- Participates in the development of improved work methods, tools and systems;
- Updates databases and web pages;
- Participates on multi-disciplinary project/work teams;
- Collaborates in the development of training tools and materials and the organization of workshops/seminars etc.;

- Participates in the organization, conduct and follow-up of meetings, consultations and conferences, the development/production of required materials and the provision of information and assistance to partners.

Specific Functions

- Coordinates the implementation of legal and governance activities under the UN-REDD National Programmes, targeted supports or other modalities delivered by FAO within the UN-REDD Programme, in collaboration with the FAO national offices, the FAO-Chile regional office, LEGN in particular the LEGN Legal Officer outposted in FAO Chile Regional Office and the FAO-UN-REDD regional technical advisors;
- Provides technical guidance in the revision and development of legal frameworks for REDD+ (with special emphasis on the aspects related to national forest monitoring systems) within the country support provided by the UN-REDD Programme to Latin America and the Caribbean and other regions;
- In liaison with LEGN in particular the LEGN Legal Officer outposted in FAO Chile Regional Office, provide assistance to UN-REDD countries in enhancing implementation of relevant law including capacity building related to REDD+, in collaboration with other field programmes;
- Provides inputs and contributions on issues related to tenure and safeguards when requested by countries, and liaises with FAO Headquarters tenure and safeguards teams;
- Collaborates in the organization of UN-REDD regional meetings, workshops/seminars, related to REDD+ legal frameworks and/or safeguards;
- Collaborates closely with the other UN-REDD agencies on REDD+ governance related issues;
- Participates in backstopping and country missions related to legal frameworks, tenure and/or safeguards components of REDD+ country programmes.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in Law;
- Three years of relevant experience in forest law assessment including tenure and governance aspects related to the sustainable management of forests and REDD+ with preference for such experience in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- Working knowledge of Spanish

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 in collaborating with national institutions and building capacities in the field of forestry legislation and REDD+ in Latin America and the Caribbean. Relevant experience in the other regions is an additional advantage
- Extent and relevance of experience in coordinating forestry law related projects
- Extent and relevance of experience in collecting and analysing forestry legislation, in providing recommendations to improve the existing legal frameworks to implement REDD+ and in drafting legal papers
- Experience in organizing and delivering workshops and meetings at national and regional level
- Good knowledge of principles and practices in legal preparedness for REDD+ under the UN-REDD Programme
- Working knowledge of English and French knowledge will be an asset
- Experience in collaborating with other UN agencies is an added value
- Relevant experience in the other regions is an additional advantage

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.

REMUNERATION

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HOW TO APPLY

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