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POSITION TITLE:	Technical Advisor (Regional)	GRADE LEVEL:	P4
		DUTY STATION:	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
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.H06

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 overall supervision of the Forestry officer (Drylands) and the day-to-day direct supervision of the Project Coordinator (International) and working in close collaboration with the African Union Commission (AUC) Great Green Wall Coordinator and national counterparts, the incumbent will provide supervision and technical assistance to the six country teams in Africa, in the planning, implementation, and monitoring of the Africa Component of the European Union-Africa, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) funded project Action against Desertification.

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.

Within the framework of this project, an Africa Special Hub in support to the Great Green Wall for the Sahara and the Sahel Initiative will be established at the African Union Commission, in Addis Ababa. The Regional Technical Advisor will be a member of the Africa Hub team. While supporting the African Union Commission in its coordination role of the Great Green Wall for the Sahara and the Sahel Initiative, the technical regional advisor will be responsible of the delivery of the project outputs and activities in the six countries and at regional level. He/she will provide technical assistance and support to the AUC and partner projects. He/she will work with the Africa Hub team, the FAO relevant technical units at headquarters, decentralized offices, and partners (including FAO staff, project team and partner organizations and countries in Africa). In particular, he/she will:

- Supervise country project teams in Africa and lead the development and implementation of project partnerships agreements at regional and country levels for the effective implementation of the project;
- Prepare, in close collaboration with the International Project Coordinator and project teams, annual work plans and budgets for project country and regional level activities (including capacity development) and be responsible for their implementation and delivery of project results and deliverables;
- Oversee the production of country project reports by country project teams in Africa and contribute to the preparation of all project reports to be submitted to the donor and Africa Hub Steering committee (including inception report, periodic progress and final reports);
- Assess the capacity needs; formulate capacity development plans; participate and oversee capacity development activities implementation in the six relevant countries and at regional level in Africa;
- Provide technical guidance to consultants and partners on the implementation of activities in the countries and at the regional level.
- Contribute to the preparation of the terms of reference for the project's mid-term and final evaluations;
- Lead the development of the knowledge management and partnership platform in support to the Great Green Wall for the Sahara and the Sahel Initiative
- Provide technical inputs and support for creating links, integration and cooperation between the project and other projects within and outside FAO and AUC, contributing to combating desertification and in particular to the implementation of the Great Green Wall for the Sahara and the Sahel Initiative;
- Undertake regular backstopping missions to the Africa project intervention areas to monitor, review, identify gaps and advise on corrective measures and adaptive management of project activities in a timely manner;
- Act as secretary of the Africa Hub Steering Committee;
- Perform other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced university degree in Forestry, Environmental / natural resources sciences or a related field
- Seven years of relevant experience in programme or project implementation and coordination of regional scope, institutional capacity development, sustainable land / forest management in forestry, environmental and natural resources management, which includes strong working experience in Africa region with African Institutions at regional level in the framework of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)
- Working knowledge of English and French

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent and relevance of experience in programme or project coordination and implementation associated with management and planning in forestry or natural resources participatory management as well as UNCCD implementation in Africa
- Excellent communications skills and ability to draft technical and narrative reports in both French and English
- Ability to establish and maintain partnerships with different stakeholders at different levels
- Extent of knowledge of Africa context and working experience with Governments, NGOs, Institutions in Africa and donors is an advantage
- Extent of technical knowledge and experience in sustainable land /forest management and restoration / combating desertification
- Extent of capacity development experience in Africa drylands

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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TO APPLY:

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

Send your application to:

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