**POSITION TITLE:** Forestry Officer (REDD+)

**GRADE LEVEL:** P3

**DUTY STATION:** Colombo, Sri Lanka

**DURATION:** 12 months (extendable)

**ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:** Forest Assessment, Management & Conservation Division (FOM)
Forestry Department (FO)

**POST CODE/NRO:** 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.

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**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

Under the direct supervision of the FAO Representative (FAOR) in Sri Lanka, the technical guidance of the Director FOM, (with the technical backstopping of the Forestry Department and FAO forestry experts), and in close collaboration with UN-REDD Project Management Unit (PMU) and the National REDD+ office, the incumbent will provide support to the implementation of the programme. In particular, the incumbent will:

- Provide technical support on forest monitoring and Measurement, Reporting and Verification (MRV) components for REDD+ Sri Lanka Country Programme;
- In consultation with Sri Lanka PMU, support the national system for Measurement, Reporting and Verification and support appropriate institutional and procedural arrangements;
- Tailor methodologies for REDD+ MRV adapted to the country circumstances;
- Support the development of national definitions of forest and forest classifications, mapping of national forest and forest stratification;
- Work closely with partners in the UN-REDD Programme and REDD+ to ensure coordination and complementarities in the design and implementation of the national programme, in synergy with regional and international initiatives;
- Advise and assist Sri Lankan Consultants on forest monitoring system, GHG inventory, and Forest Inventory and related activities;
- Participate in the regular consultations and activities undertaken throughout the UN-REDD programme implementation to ensure coordination;
- Provide technical support and input to the communication and awareness raising materials produced by the UN-REDD Programme (e.g. brochures, website);
- Organize the training of national staff involved in MRV and forest monitoring activities;
- Develop and prepare the support materials for training and other awareness programme activities;
- Participate in national, regional and international meetings relevant to the tasks above and report back to the national section on the main conclusions and discuss possible adjustments with respect to the national approach adopted;
- Facilitate regular meetings of the National MRV Team;
- Submit brief periodic progress reports (quarterly and annual) and a general report at the end of the assignment; and
- Perform any other relevant tasks as required.

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**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS**

Candidates should meet the following:

- University degree in forestry, environmental sciences, or a closely related field;
- Five years of relevant experience in forest monitoring, forest ecology, including in developing countries;
- Working knowledge of English.

**SELECTION CRITERIA**

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Good knowledge of climate change negotiations, REDD+, MRV procedures and methodologies under the UNFCCC;
- Extent and relevance of academic achievements in subjects relevant to forest inventory, remote sensing and GIS;
- Knowledge of forest inventory and monitoring, especially in Asia;
- Quality of both oral and written communication skills;
- Demonstrated ability to work as an effective team member;
- Extent of experience in forest monitoring in developing countries;
- Demonstrated Initiative and ability to deliver results within deadlines.

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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