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Deadline For Application: 21 April 2011

POSITION TITLE:	Forestry Officer (MRV Facilitator - REDD+)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-3
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	UN-REDD Programme Forest Assessment, Management and Conservation Division (FOM) Forestry Department (FO)	DUTY STATION:	Lusaka, Zambia
		DURATION *:	Fixed-Term: 2 years*
		POST CODE/N°:	N
		CCOG CODE:	1H06

Applications from qualified women as well as from qualified nationals of non-and under-represented member countries are encouraged

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+) is an effort to create a financial value for the carbon stored in forests, offering incentives for developing countries to reduce emissions from forested lands and invest in low-carbon paths to sustainable development. "REDD+" goes beyond deforestation and forest degradation, and includes the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks.

Under the overall supervision of the FAO Representative and the technical guidance of the Lead Technical Officer (LTO) at FAO HQs, the incumbent will work closely with the National Coordinator and the national counterpart personnel in delivering the FAO UN-REDD National programme work for Zambia. In particular, the incumbent will:

- Prepare, in collaboration with the National Coordinator, an updated detailed work plan for the MRV;
- Participate in the set-up and implementation of the MRV activities as planned, in close collaboration with the conceptual work by the UN-REDD at FAO HQs in order to design MRV system which fulfills the UNFCCC requirements;
- Work closely with the National Coordinator and the LTO to refine the approach to national forest carbon and tree resources assessment taking into consideration the MRV needs for Zambia;
- Participate in the preparation of a training programme for assigned national staff in the field of MRV activities;
- strengthen the Forestry Department and other relevant Ministries for future carbon monitoring and information management;
- In close collaboration with national counterparts plan, organize and participate in workshops and seminars planned within the context of MRV;
- Participate in securing wide consultation to establish national consensus on the MRV approach and long term monitoring process;
- Provide technical advice for the selection and procurement of equipment and supplies for the MRV;
- Assist in organising and supervising the mapping activities and deployment of required resources and the fieldwork for timely implementation of the activities;
- Participate in the development and testing of methodologies for identification and monitoring of forest area changes;
- Prepare in collaboration with the National Coordinator periodic progress reports as well as the Terminal MRV report on MRV for submission to the Government of Zambia and FAO;
- Perform other related duties as required.

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

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- University Degree in Forestry, Environmental Sciences or related field
- Five years of relevant experience in the field of forest resources monitoring and assessment, including experience in developing countries
- Working knowledge of English

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Relevance of academic qualifications
- Extent and relevance of field experience in forest development, monitoring and assessment of forests
- Relevance of experience with UN, intergovernmental and international organizations related to forestry
- Extent of experience in preparation of/participation in international meetings
- Quality of both written and oral communication skills on technical issues
- Relevance of experience in remote sensing, forest inventory design and planning and forestry policies
- Demonstrated experience in forest information system development and information management
- Demonstrated experience in capacity building, forest modelling and MRV implementation

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: Carefully read and follow the Guidelines to applicants

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