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Deadline For Application: **30 November 2011**

POSITION TITLE:	Forestry Officer (Wood Products)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-4
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Forest Economics, Policy and Products Division FOE Forestry Department, FO	DUTY STATION:	Rome, Italy
		DURATION *:	Fixed term: 3 years
		POST CODE/N°:	C/0123021
		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

Under the overall supervision of the Director, FOE, the incumbent will maintain, coordinate and enhance the programme on wood products development, working with partner institutions such as the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO), focusing on small and medium scale enterprises (SMEs) in developing countries, countries with emerging economies and countries in transition. In particular, the incumbent will:

- formulate, monitor and technically backstop projects concentrating on product and process design, budgeting and accounting, production and business plans, skills and safety at work, investing in appropriate technologies, quality assurance, compliance with demands of legality and certification, and market development for wood products;
- provide technical advice to member countries in the development of policies, legislation, partnerships/networks and institutional frameworks that facilitate the development of SMEs;
- develop and maintain contacts with donors and other development partners and contribute to resource mobilization to support the programme;
- analyse the current situation, trends and perspective developments for wood products in order to improve the SMEs contribution to sustainable forest management, climate change mitigation, food security, rural jobs and livelihoods as well as rural economic development;
- contribute to the development, application and dissemination of appropriate technologies and best practices for wood processing;
- participate in the development and analysis of international statistics on the economic, financial and social contribution of SMEs to support policy development and promote equal access to critical business inputs in the sector;
- develop training materials; organize and participate in training workshops, international meetings and seminars;
- facilitate knowledge exchange and dissemination and foster partnerships with relevant international and regional organizations, including educational and training organizations;
- perform other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced University Degree in Wood Science, Wood Products Engineering, Forest Engineering, Forest Economics, Forest Science, Forestry or other field related to wood product development or wood processing
- Seven years of relevant experience in the wood processing sector including the development of small and medium scale enterprises based on forest products and services (A PhD may substitute for two years of required experience)
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two languages or Arabic, Chinese, Russian

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Relevance of experience in wood industry, product development, research and development involving wood products
- Depth of knowledge of forest products, processing technologies, markets and business development especially in developing countries
- Clarity of vision on the opportunities and challenges in supporting forest-based SMEs in developing countries
- Extent of working experience with small business development based on wood products including, but not limited to, developing countries, countries with emerging economies and countries in transition
- Extent of experience in the organization of international meetings, seminars and training courses
- Demonstrated analytical, coordination, negotiating and advisory skills
- Quality of both oral and written communication skills

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.

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