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| POSITION TITLE: | Natural Resources Officer | GRADE LEVEL: | P-4 |
| | | DUTY STATION: | Rome, Italy |
| ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: | Office of the Assistant Director-General, NRD | DURATION *: | Fixed Term: 3 years |
| | Natural Resources Management and Environment Department, NR | POST CODE/N°: | Unidentified |
| | | CCOG CODE: | 1R |

**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**

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the overall guidance of the Assistant Director General, NR and the general supervision of the Programme Coordinator, the incumbent will provide technical support for the coordinated development and implementation of activities related to the areas of work of the department. In particular, the incumbent will:

- identify opportunities, barriers and solutions for, and participate in, strengthening FAO's role and visibility within intergovernmental and interagency processes concerned with environmental agreements and international instruments of concern to the NR Department (including UNFCCC, CBD and CCD);
- monitor interagency and intergovernmental meetings related to the areas of work of the Department in coordination with other FAO departments and divisions to ensure that the dimensions of food and agriculture are reflected in negotiation texts, financial mechanisms and implementation modalities;
- provide the necessary technical support and guidance to departmental initiatives and activities, in particular those related to climate change, biodiversity and sustainable use of natural resources;
- support interdepartmental and interagency working groups preparing technical documents, policy briefs and inputs to intergovernmental and inter-agency initiatives and events, especially in areas such as climate change, biodiversity, green economy and related fields such as Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA);
- analyse environmental and natural resources policy issues of importance to donors, link to donor priorities and prepare project proposals;
- support the alignment of the departmental regular programme and trust fund activities and initiatives with FAO's Programme Work and Budget;
- perform other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced University Degree in biological sciences, environmental sciences or closely related fields
- Seven years of relevant experience in the area of global environmental change, climate change and biodiversity, including with intergovernmental negotiations and processes related to environmental issues
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two, or Arabic, Chinese or Russian

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent of experience in intergovernmental and interagency processes concerned with environmental agreements and international instruments of concern to the NR Department (incl UNFCCC, RIO+20, etc)
- Demonstrated experience in supporting and guiding multi-disciplinary and multi-cultural teams in the preparation of technical documents and products and programmes' implementation
- Depth of knowledge of issues related to biodiversity, climate change (adaptation and mitigation) and emerging issues such as climate-smart agriculture
- Extent of experience and skills in the coordination and development of educational and capacity building programmes
- Demonstrated experience supporting inter-departmental and inter-agency technical activities
- Extent of working experience on project and budget development, implementation and management
- Quality of both written and oral communication skills on technical issues
- Ability to develop networks and collaborations across a broad range of stakeholders

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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and complete the on-line application

In order for your candidature to be properly evaluated, please ensure to complete the on-line application in all sections.

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