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Deadline For Application: 05 September 2012

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POSITION TITLE:	<b>Technical Officer (Soil management and partnership)</b>	GRADE LEVEL:	<b>P-4</b>
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	<b>Land and Water Division, NRL</b> Natural Resources Management and Environmental Department, NR	DUTY STATION:	<b>Rome, Italy</b>
		DURATION *:	<b>Fixed Term: 3 years</b>
		POST CODE/N°:	<b>0417122</b>
		CCOG CODE:	<b>1H07b</b>

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**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 overall guidance of the Director, NRL, and the technical supervision of the Senior Officer (Land/Soils) and in collaboration with officers concerned in other Technical Departments and decentralised offices, the incumbent will coordinate FAO work at technical level on sustainable soil management and partnership development, with a focus on Africa and Near East regions: In particular, will:

- act as FAO technical focal point for the implementation of the Global Soil Partnership in accordance with its terms of reference and in direct support of the Global Soil Partnership (GSP) Secretariat and Intergovernmental Panel on Soils;
- provide technical and management support to Member Countries and national, regional and international partners in support of the GSP priority activities, notably on soil standards, soil health indicators, soil data and information systems, targeted research and promotion of sustainable soil management;
- support the Regional Soil Partnerships in the development of resources mobilisation and communications strategies including the development of policy briefs, technical materials and a GSP website;
- provide technical and management support in the development and coordination of a coherent programme on sustainable soil management across FAO technical departments and decentralised offices;
- contribute to the knowledge base on soils and implementation of work on soils with partners and sustainable agriculture/land use systems that enhance soil carbon, soil fertility, soil biodiversity and overall soil health;
- organize and participate in relevant technical meetings, seminars and workshops related to soils and integrated land and water management;
- perform other duties as required.

#### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

*Candidates should meet the following:*

- Advanced university degree in soil science and land/natural resources management or related fields
- Seven years of relevant experience in the field of soil science, land/natural resources management and planning for sustainable agriculture and climate change adaptation and mitigation at international level
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Russian, Arabic or Chinese

#### SELECTION CRITERIA

*Candidates will be assessed against the following:*

- Extent of experience in soil management for sustainable agriculture and land/environmental management and knowledge of the central role of soils in contributing to agriculture strategies and environmental conventions (UNCCD, UNFCCC and CBD) in one region of the world
- Extent of experience in soil survey, soil data and information, digital mapping and spatial analysis
- Proven capacity in networking, partnerships and participatory approaches and developing effective working relationships with various institutions and partners in the field of soils and land management at global or regional scale
- Demonstrated ability to analyze development and institutional issues with attention to sustainable agriculture and environmental management clearly and concisely
- Excellent communication skills, both oral and in writing

*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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