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Deadline For Application: 24 September 2012

POSITION TITLE:	Senior Forestry Officer	GRADE LEVEL:	P-5
		DUTY STATION:	Cairo, Egypt
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Regional Office for the Near East	DURATION *:	Fixed Term: 3 years
	RNE	POST CODE/N ^o :	C/Unidentified
		CCOG CODE:	1H06

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

The incumbent may be re-assigned to different duty stations within the region depending on the evolving needs of the Organization

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the overall supervision of the Assistant Director-General/Regional Representative for the Near East (RNE) in close collaboration with the Subregional Offices/Multi Disciplinary Teams for North Africa (SNE), the Oriental Near East (SNO) and the Gulf Countries and Yemen (SNG) and the functional guidance of the Assistant Director-General, Forestry Department (ADG/FO), the incumbent will lead, coordinate and facilitate technical assistance to the forestry programmes and activities of FAO Members in the Near East Region. The incumbent will also contribute to strengthening partnership and knowledge networks within and outside the Organization, supporting country-level actions guided by FAO's Country Programme Framework (CPF) as well as increasing South-South and triangular cooperation. In particular, the incumbent will:

- support country-level actions guided by FAO's Country Programming Frameworks (CPFs), subregional and regional priority frameworks and higher-level strategic frameworks of the Organization in order to transform FAO's knowledge products into country-level results and impacts;
- serve as the FAO focal point to all aspects related to forestry and rangelands in the Near East region and lead regional efforts in relation to forestry sector in the region by promoting a regional team approach and providing technical leadership and guidance to staff members assigned to sub-regional offices;
- advise FAO Members and institutions in the region on technical and policy matters related to forestry and rangelands, including emerging and cross-cutting issues;
- plan, organize and lead the forestry and rangelands programme in the region that responds to the regional priorities and is integrated within a holistic interdisciplinary technical response to food security, livelihoods and natural resource management;
- plan, organize and act as Secretary of the Near East Forestry and Range Commission; organize an inter-sessional programme of work and promote the Near East Forestry Week involving stakeholders to achieve a broader dialogue on forestry and rangelands and support its working groups;
- establish and develop direct and close working relationships with the national forestry and rangelands institutions in the region, especially with countries having lowest forest cover;
- promote collaboration among and complementarities with regional and international bodies dealing with forestry and rangelands in the Near East; represent FAO in meetings and discussions on forestry programmes and projects in the Region;
- coordinate the Functional Technical Network on forestry in the Near East region and support the Organization-wide application of forestry-related standards, policies and best practices agreed by FAO Member States;
- lead the delivery of outputs related to policy advice, capacity development, technical support to Members, information and statistics;
- take an active leadership role in resource mobilization; lead the development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of an effective results-based field programme in support of agreed global and regional forestry priorities;
- ensure that the views of the Near East region are represented in the development of corporate strategies and priorities for forestry, including at the Committee on Forestry, and supporting global initiatives in the subject area;
- perform other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced University Degree in Forestry or related field
- Ten years of relevant experience in dry land forestry, including the development and implementation of national forest and rangelands policies, plans and programmes
- Working knowledge of English and limited knowledge of Arabic or French

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent of experience in coordination of forestry and rangelands matters, including policy and programme issues
- Extent of knowledge of development and conservation issues in the region
- Extent of knowledge of other fields related to forestry, including range management, watershed management, wildlife management, land uses, agriculture, crops and livestock
- Relevance of experience in the management of complex multi country programmes concerned with forests and forestry
- Demonstrated ability to collate and analyze technical and scientific information related to forestry and range management
- Proven leadership ability, maturity of judgment and sense of initiative and responsibility
- Quality of communication skills, both orally and in writing
- Extent of experience in organizing international, regional and country level technical meetings and workshops

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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