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Deadline For Application: 26 September 2012

POSITION TITLE:	Forestry Officer	GRADE LEVEL:	P-4
		DUTY STATION:	Santiago, Chile
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Regional office for Latin America and the Caribbean RLC	DURATION *:	Fixed Term: 3 years
		POST CODE/N°:	C/2000781
		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 Latin America and the Caribbean (RLC), and the supervision of the Principal Forestry Officer for RLC, in close collaboration with other Officers of the Regional Office for RLC and Headquarters the incumbent will serve as member of the RLC team addressing technical, policy, and development issues in the forest sector. 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, 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 expert on forestry, including sustainable forest management, forest assessment, management and conservation, forest products and services, forestry knowledge and information, forestry policies and institutions, community forestry, forest resources assessment and forest and climate change;
- analyse problems and appraise developments in the countries of the region in the broad field of forestry; provide information and advice of a technical, policy and socio-economic nature in forestry issues to the governments of the region and to regional and sub-regional organizations;
- support the development of national capacities to effectively manage, evaluate, conserve and expand forest and wildlife resources and trees outside forests; and to develop programmes and institutions that enhance the contribution of forests to reducing poverty, supporting sustainable livelihoods and income and mitigating the effects of climate change;
- Work with team members on integrated agricultural and rural development issues, including ensuring appropriate attention to forestry issues;
- Provide technical backstopping for national, sub-regional and regional projects; actively participate in resource mobilization efforts at regional and sub-regional level, in line with the relevant priorities and strategies;
- Organize official meetings and intersession-work, and support the organization of meetings of the FAO statutory bodies such as Regional Conferences and the Regional Forestry Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and sub regional teams; organize and conduct seminars, workshops and training courses; and represent the Organization in technical meetings, programme development or evaluation processes, or other venues as designated by senior managers;
- Develop and facilitate effective knowledge exchange in the region including through networks, partnerships, and electronic communications; prepare background papers and material for publications, including studies and surveys related to the sub-region and region in the field of forestry;
- Contribute to region-wide periodic planning and programming exercises and other reports;
- Perform other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced university degree in forestry, natural resources management, or a related field
- Seven years of relevant experience in forest management, conservation and/or assessment
- Working knowledge of Spanish and English

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent of knowledge of forestry concepts, policies, and issues
- Extent of knowledge of development, conservation and climate change issues in the region
- Demonstrated ability to develop and implement plans and programmes
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively in inter-disciplinary teams
- Demonstrated ability to analyze problems and develop practical recommendations
- Extent of communication skills, both oral and written

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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