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Deadline For Application: **21 November 2013**

POSITION TITLE:	Environment Officer	GRADE LEVEL:	P-4
		DUTY STATION:	Rome, Italy
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Europe, Central Asia, Near East, North Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean Service, TCIC	DURATION *:	Fixed Term: 2 years
	Investment Centre Division, TCI	POST CODE/N^o:	0418587
	Technical Cooperation Department, TC	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 confidentiality

The incumbent may be re-assigned to different activities and/or duty stations depending on the evolving needs of the Organization

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Investment Centre Division (TCI) promotes investment in agriculture and rural development in developing countries and countries in transition, assisting governments, international financing institutions (IFIs) and other development partners with the strategic planning and implementation of their investments to achieve growth, poverty alleviation, food security and nutrition goals.

Under the overall supervision of the Director, TCI, and the supervision of the Chief, Europe, Central Asia, Near East, North Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean Service (TCIC), the incumbent will provide technical advice and be responsible for building upon and diversifying the Service's capacity in environmental planning and management. In particular, the incumbent will:

- participate in, and eventually, lead multidisciplinary missions to assist governments in the identification and preparation of investment projects/programmes in the field of sustainable natural resources management (NRM) and environment, or relevant NRM and environmental components of agricultural and/or rural development projects/programmes, focusing on critical themes such as landscape management, biodiversity conservation, climate change adaptation and mitigation, pest management, soil conservation, payments for environmental services and integrated ecosystem management;
- participate in, and eventually, lead multidisciplinary missions to assist financing partners in the supervision and evaluation of investment projects/programmes in the field of NRM and environment, or relevant NRM and environmental components of agricultural and/or rural development projects/programmes;
- assess potential environmental impacts associated with investment operations in agriculture and rural development and propose responsive mitigation measures in line with environmental safeguard policies of governments and financing partners;
- advise Service Chief on environmental aspects or issues associated with scheduled field missions, selection of consultants for technical assistance projects, terms of reference and supervision of outputs;
- cooperate with other FAO divisions on environment-related activities;
- liaise with and participate in respective counterparts in partner agencies in both relevant project and non-project environment-related activities;
- take the lead in supporting FAO member countries in the preparation of Global Environment Facility (GEF) projects, for which FAO is the GEF Executing Agency, in collaboration with FAO decentralized offices (DOs), technical departments and the FAO-GEF Coordination Unit in TCI;
- collaborate with multidisciplinary teams in DOs in the formulation and delivery of capacity development programmes aimed at strengthening environmental planning and management in the context of investment operations;
- prepare clear and concise reports in line with the requirements of governments and financing partners;
- perform other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced university degree in environmental sciences, environmental engineering, geography, natural resources management, environmental economics, or a closely related field
- Seven years of relevant experience in the design of environmental and NRM programmes/projects and impact mitigation measures, including experience in developing countries and/or countries in transition
- Working knowledge of English and limited knowledge of French, Spanish, Arabic, Chinese, or Russian

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent and relevance of experience in participating in and/or leading multidisciplinary teams for the preparation of environmental investment operations (or relevant project components of agricultural and/or rural development investment operations) and in the conduct or evaluation of environmental sector or subsector analytical studies and reviews
- Relevance of experience with GEF and its focal areas and extent of experience in the preparation, evaluation and supervision of GEF-supported projects
- Knowledge of environmental safeguard policies and procedures of major financing institutions, and familiarity with climate change concepts in agriculture and community-based approaches to environmental and natural resources management

- Extent and relevance of experience in the application of natural resource economics, including on systems of payments for environmental services
- Extent and relevance of experience in capacity development and training activities in the field of environmental planning and management in the context of investment operations
- Experience in dealing with senior government officials, development partners and other country level stakeholders in the context of investment operations
- Good communication skills, both oral and in writing including demonstrated ability to write technical reports in English and Spanish

N.B. Willingness to travel frequently to developing countries and/or countries in transition and for geographic mobility reassignments

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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<http://www.fao.org/employment/irecruitment-access/en/>

and complete the on-line application

In order for your application to be properly evaluated, please ensure that all sections of the on-line application are completed.

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