Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

PROFESSIONAL VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT Nº: IRC2473

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Deadline For Application: 30 April 2014

POSITION TITLE: Senior Forestry Officer (Team Leader)

GRADE LEVEL: P-5
DUTY STATION: Rome
DURATION #: Fixed Term: 2 years

ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: Forest Economics, Policy and Products Division (FOE)
Forestry Department (FO)

POST CODE/N#: 0122521
CCO 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 activities and/or duty stations depending on the evolving needs of the Organization.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the supervision of the Director, FOE, the incumbent will be responsible for planning, organizing and coordinating the technical and operational delivery of the Department's work on forest products and industries in the context of the organization's strategic framework and related forestry priorities. In particular, the incumbent will:

- provide strategic, managerial and technical leadership, guidance and support to the Team on forest products development, marketing and trade, including wood and non-wood forest products; wood energy; small and medium scale industries and forest harvesting and engineering;
- plan, implement, monitor and report on the technical, operational and financial delivery of the Team's contributions to FAO's strategic objectives and provide input into the FAO corporate Programme of Work and related processes;
- supervise the team members' work and performance, including the development of work plans and yearly performance evaluations;
- promote interdisciplinary work by the team and strengthen synergies and collaboration with other Departments and decentralized offices in the context of the implementation of FAO’s strategic framework;
- provide advice to FAO member countries to strengthen their capacity for sustainable development, production, marketing and trade of forest products, especially in the context of a green economy, and to develop sustainable forest industries;
- foster, strengthen and manage strategic partnerships with relevant institutions at international, national and local levels, including the private sector, NGOs and donors dealing with matters related to forest products and industries;
- serve as the Secretary of the FAO Advisory Committee on Sustainable Forest-based Industries, prepare meetings and lead the implementation of activities agreed by FAO and the Committee;
- participate in relevant Organization-wide, cross-Departmental committees, project teams, and working groups and provide technical leadership on internal and external technical networks;
- lead or participate in resource mobilization activities in accordance with the FAO Corporate strategy;
- perform other duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced University Degree in Forestry, Wood Science or other related fields
- Ten years of relevant experience, including international experience, in programme planning and implementation in the area of forest products and/or industries
- 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 and relevance of experience in planning and implementation of programmes related to forest products and industries in development organizations
- Demonstrated results-based management capabilities with an ability to manage programmes, budgets and human resources efficiently under shifting priorities
- Extent and relevance of experience in different countries and regions, especially in developing countries and countries in transition
- Demonstrated ability to mobilize resources and to deliver against deadlines
- Extent and relevance of experience in organizing international meetings, seminars and training courses
- Demonstrated analytical, coordination, negotiating and advisory skills
- Quality of both oral and written communication skills

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

REMUNERATION

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and complete the on-line application.

If you need help, or have queries, please contact: iRecruitment@fao.org

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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