**Organization Setting**

The Forestry Policy and Resources Division leads FAO’s work in promoting sustainable forest management and providing leadership on the environmental, social and economic dimensions of forestry, including its contributions to poverty reduction and food security and nutrition. It liaises with member countries, civil society and the private sector in aspects ranging from development of effective forest policies to forest conservation and management issues, and strengthens the role of forests in climate change mitigation and adaptation. The Division also collects, analyses and disseminates information on the world’s forest resources and on the production, trade and consumption of wood and non-wood forest products.

The post is located in the REDD+ Programme of the Forestry Department, which supports developing countries in their efforts to mitigate climate change through the implementation of REDD+ activities while contributing to national sustainable development. The REDD+ programme supports countries on technical issues related to National Forest Monitoring Systems (NFMS), the development of cost effective and reliable Measurement, Reporting and Verification (MRV) processes and tools for emission reductions, Forest Reference Levels, as well as on REDD+ policy and measures, forest governance, tenure and legal issues in the context of REDD+ activities.

**Reporting Lines**

The Forestry Officer reports to the REDD+ Coordinator, under the overall guidance of the Director, FOA. The incumbent will provide management support and serve as REDD+ portfolio liaison to the REDD+ Coordinator. The incumbent will work closely with the Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (RAP), the REDD+ Programme Officer in RAP, and Regional Advisors located in RAP and elsewhere, as well as REDD+ thematic teams and FO forestry experts in HQ and other regions.

**Technical Focus**

The incumbent will lead, provide technical guidance and coordination for FO REDD+ global thematic groups working on National Forest Inventory and Greenhouse Gas Inventory while ensuring technical linkage with other FAO teams for coordinated support. In addition, in close collaboration with RAP, the incumbent will support the technical and operational delivery of the FAO REDD+ Programme in Asia Pacific providing liaison between the REDD+ coordinator, HQ based REDD+ thematic experts, and the region to ensure technical consistency and supporting the Organisation’s coordination efforts in the region.

**Key Results**

Comprehensive technical and policy expertise to support the planning, development and implementation of Departmental/Division programmes, projects, products and services in accordance with Departmental/Division objectives and FAO Strategic Objectives.

**Key Functions**

- Plans and leads components of multi-disciplinary teams, leads and/or participates on Organization-wide, cross-Departmental committees, project teams, and working groups and/or provides specialized expertise on technical networks and/or international technical policy and/or international technical policy and standard setting bodies.
- Develops technical, analytical, monitoring and reporting frameworks, and related methodologies, tools, systems and databases etc. to support the planning, implementation/delivery and monitoring of programmes of work, projects, products and/or services.
- Designs and conducts research, data collection, validation, analysis and/or reporting activities to support the development of technical standards, international instruments, innovative approaches and strategies, new tools, technologies, technical reports/publications, and/or policy proposals as well as the provision of technical/policy/ specialist/advice and expertise.
- Responds to country requests for technical and policy assistance, provides technical advice, assistance and solutions to Decentralized Offices and provides technical backstopping to field projects.
- Collaborates in, provides technical backstopping to and ensures the quality / effectiveness of capacity development and knowledge sharing activities within member countries such as policy support, organizational development and individual learning events including preparation of related information, learning materials, on-line tools..
- Promotes international cooperation/advocates best practices, increased policy dialogue and provides technical expertise at international/intergovernmental meetings.
- Participates in resource mobilization activities in accordance with the FAO Corporate strategy.

**Specific Functions**
- Provides leadership, technical guidance and coordination for REDD+ thematic groups working on National Forest Inventory and Greenhouse Gas Inventory ensuring technical linkage with other FAO teams for consistent and coordinated REDD+ thematic support;
- Provides substantive technical direction and support the development of tools, methods and approaches for REDD+ National Forest Monitoring Systems (NFMS), and the development of cost effective, reliable, and institutionalized Measurement, Reporting and Verification (MRV) capacity for REDD+ reporting to the UNFCCC (Forest Reference Levels, and Greenhouse Gas Inventory);
- Provides programming, implementation and monitoring support to partner countries in the region as well as FAO country offices and identify REDD+ related problems and issues to be addressed and initiate corrective actions, liaise with relevant FAO units and ensure follow-up actions;
- Provides management support and serve as REDD+ portfolio HQ liaison for Asia-Pacific to the REDD+ Coordinator;
- In close collaboration with RAP, plan and monitor the FAO REDD+ Programme for Asia Pacific, liaise with REDD+ and FO forestry experts in headquarters and in the region to ensure coordination of support and the provision of consistent technical expertise by the REDD+ team and other FO teams supporting the region and in accordance with FAO Strategic Objectives;
- Assists countries in the region to access FAO REDD+ support, to understand operating modalities as well as identify and access sources of financing;
- Supports collaboration and partnerships with other REDD+ agencies, actors and initiatives at regional and national levels such as the UNDP, UNEP, and the World Bank’s Forest Carbon Partnership Facility;
- Supports resource mobilization and project development activities in the region in accordance with the FAO Corporate strategy.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements
- Advanced university degree in forest assessment or a related field
- Seven years of relevant experience in forest assessment in the context of REDD+ with evidence of field experience in developing countries.
- Working knowledge of English and limited knowledge of one of French, Spanish, Arabic, Chinese, or Russian

Competencies
- Results Focus
- Teamwork
- Communication
- Building Effective Relationships
- Knowledge Sharing and Continuous Improvement

Technical/Functional Skills
- Work experience in more than one location or area of work, particularly in field positions is desirable
- Depth of familiarity with forestry, forest assessment, and the REDD+ agenda under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)
- Extent of experience with REDD+ National Forest Monitoring Systems, National Forest Inventory and REDD+ reporting to the UNFCCC (Forest Reference Levels and Greenhouse Gas Inventory) in developing countries
- Extent and relevance of experience in project/programme management and implementation in developing countries
- Extent and relevance of experience in leading REDD+ technical thematic work, particularly on topics related to National Forest Inventory and Greenhouse Gas Inventory
- Extent and relevance of experience in capacity building in developing countries particularly the designing, implementation and reporting of technical workshops
- Relevance of experience with UN, intergovernmental and international organizations
- Extent and relevance of academic qualifications and technical publications. PhD is considered an asset

Please note that all candidates should adhere to FAO Values of Commitment to FAO, Respect for All and Integrity and Transparency.

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