Position Title: Forest Officer (Statistics)

Organizational Unit: Forestry Policy and Resources Division (FOA)

The incumbent may be reassigned to different activities and/or duty stations depending on the evolving needs of the Organization.

Organizational Setting
The Forest 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 Forestry Products and Statistics Team, Forestry Policy and Resources Division, FOA.

Reporting Lines
The Forestry Officer reports to the Team Leader, Forest Products and Statistics Team, under the overall guidance of the Director, FOA and in close coordination with the Statistics Division (ESS).

Technical Focus
Implementation of the Division’s programme in the field of forest products, with particular emphasis on methods, standards and tools for the collection, validation, analysis and dissemination of forest products statistics.

Key Results
Collection and analysis of information, data and statistics and project / meeting services to support programme projects, products and services.

Key Functions
- Collects and analyzes relevant technical, social, economic, environmental, institutional and technology related information, data and/or statistics to support the delivery of programme projects, products and services.
- Undertakes analysis, provides technical input for plans and reports and edits/revises technical/scientific documents.
- Participates in the development of improved work methods, tools and systems.
- Updates databases and web pages.
- Participates on multi-disciplinary project/work teams.
- Collaborates in the development of training tools and materials and the organization of workshops/seminars etc.
- Participates in the organization, conduct and follow-up of meetings, consultations and conferences, the development/production of required materials and the provision of information and assistance to partners.

Specific Functions
- Collects, compiles, analyses and disseminates statistical data and information on production, consumption and trade of wood and non-wood forest products, as well as their contribution to income and employment in the forest sector.
- Drafts technical reports based on statistical data and market analysis of forest products.
- Participates in the preparation of questionnaires; drafts correspondence to obtain or clarify information from national and international sources; responds to inquiries from users and researches a variety of published sources.
- Contributes to the preparation of the FAO Yearbook of Forest Products and other statistical publications.
- Maintains the statistical databases ensuring transfer of data and recording appropriate technical notes.
- Provides advice on approaches and methodologies for improving FAO Member Countries’ collection and analysis of statistical data.
- Contributes to capacity building activities related to quality improvement and availability enhancement of forest products data.
- Contributes to the work related to corporate interdepartmental statistical activities of the organization.

Qualified female applicants and qualified nationals of non-and under-represented member countries are encouraged to apply. Persons with disabilities are equally encouraged to apply. All applications will be treated with the strictest confidence.

* 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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Organizational Unit: **FORESTRY POLICY AND RESOURCES DIVISION (FOA)**

Forestry Department, FOA

Grading Level: P-2

Duty Station: Rome, Italy

Duration: Fixed-term: two years with possibility of extension

Post Number: 1055160

CCG Code: 1H06
CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements
- Advanced university degree in forestry, economics, statistics, or a related technical field
- Three years of relevant experience in the collection, compilation and analysis of forestry statistical data at the national and/or international level, including exposure to preparation of publications on forest products
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese, 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
- Extent and relevance of experience in collecting, compiling and analysing forestry statistics, preferably on international matters
- Proficiency and flexibility in using statistical software, especially R, SPSS, GAMS, SAS or similar (preferably open-source) software
- Extent and relevance of experience in analysing information and presenting findings in clear manner,
- preparing, editing and revising technical/scientific documents and in organizing meetings and workshops
- Working knowledge of another FAO language would be an asset

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
- All candidates should possess computer/word processing skills.
- Your application will be screened based on the information provided in your iRecruitment online profile (see “How to Apply”). We strongly recommend that you ensure that the information is accurate and complete including employment record, academic qualifications and language skills.
- Please note that FAO will only consider academic credentials or degrees obtained from an educational institution recognised in the IAU/UNESCO list.
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Candidates are requested to attach a letter of motivation to the online profile.

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