



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

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Deadline For Application: 27 April 2017

Position Title:	Forestry Officer (REDD+)	Grade Level:	P-4
		Duty Station:	Rome, Italy
Organizational Unit:	UN-REDD Programme Team, FOAUD	Duration *:	Fixed-term: 1 year, with a possibility of extension
		Post Number:	2006334
		CCOG Code:	1H06

The length of appointment for internal FAO candidates will be established in accordance with applicable policies pertaining to the extension of appointments

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

Organizational 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+ team which supports developing countries in their efforts to mitigate climate change through the implementation of REDD+ activities while contributing to national sustainable development.

Reporting Lines

The Forestry Officer reports to the REDD+ Coordinator, under the overall guidance of the Director, FOA. The incumbent will work closely with experts from REDD+ and National Forest Monitoring teams and other FO forestry experts in Headquarters and other regions, mostly with the FAO Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean (RLC), the sub-regional office for Mesoamerica (SLM) and FAO's subregional Office for the Caribbean (SLC).

Technical Focus

The incumbent will lead, provide technical guidance and coordination for FAO REDD+ global thematic groups working on REDD+ - forest governance (including safeguards, land tenure and REDD+ legal issues) and will support the work on implementation of REDD+ actions, while ensuring technical linkage with other FAO teams for coordinated support. In addition, the incumbent will support the technical and operational delivery of the FAO REDD+ Programme at the country level providing liaison between the REDD+ coordinator and REDD+ thematic experts based in Headquarters and regions to ensure technical consistency and supporting the Organisation's coordination efforts.

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. in collaboration with all concerned, including the Information Technology Division (CIO), 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, in collaboration with Decentralized Offices and the Regional Programme Leaders (RPLs) 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 collaboration with Decentralized Offices and concerned units, in resource mobilization activities in accordance with the FAO Corporate strategy.

Specific Functions

- Provides leadership, technical inputs and coordination for REDD+ and forest governance thematic group, ensuring technical linkage with other Forestry and FAO teams for consistent and coordinated REDD+ thematic support;
- Identifies synergies between REDD+ efforts and relevant land use mitigation actions, ecosystem based approaches, forest management and restoration at country and global level, draws lessons learnt and helps share information and knowledge among countries;
- Develops and manages project activities to support country implementation of REDD+ actions ensuring the linkages and contribution of the enabling environment at the country level in accordance with UNFCCC provisions, Nationally Determined Contributions and FAO Strategic Objectives;
- Contributes to the development of tools, methods and approaches for REDD+ National Forest Monitoring Systems (NFMS), and for REDD+ implementation, bringing in country perspectives;
- Provides REDD+ specific technical programming, implementation and monitoring support to partner countries especially in Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as to FAO decentralized offices and relevant units in Headquarters;
- Supports collaboration and partnerships with other REDD+ agencies, actors and initiatives at regional and national levels such as UNDP, UNEP and the World Bank;
- Supports REDD+ related resource mobilization and project development activities;

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in forest/natural resources management or related field.
- Seven years of relevant experience in forest / natural resources management with evidence of field experience in developing countries in Latin America and the Caribbean and in at least one additional tropical region (Africa or Asia).
- Working knowledge of English and Spanish.

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 forest management and the REDD+ agenda under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC);
- Experience with strengthening of capacities for REDD+ implementation, National Forest Monitoring Systems as well as safeguards / information systems at country level in developing countries;
- Extent and relevance of experience in project / programme management and implementation in developing countries (with experience on planning and implementation of capacity development programmes at country level);
- Extent and relevance of experience in coordination of teams and working groups;
- Relevance of experience with the United Nations, intergovernmental and international organizations.
- Knowledge of REDD+ context and phases in accordance to the UNFCCC.
- Extent and relevance of academic qualifications.

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
- Other similar positions at the same level may be filled from this vacancy notice and the endorsed candidates will be considered for the Employment Roster for a period of 2 years
- Candidates may be requested to provide performance assessments

REMUNERATION

A competitive compensation and benefits package is offered. For information on UN salaries, allowances and benefits, click on the following link: http://www.un.org/Depts/OHRM/salaries_allowances/salary.htm

HOW TO APPLY

To apply, visit the iRecruitment website at <http://www.fao.org/employment/iRecruitment-access/en/> and complete your online profile. Only applications received through iRecruitment will be considered.

Candidates are requested to attach a letter of motivation to the online profile.

Vacancies will be removed from iRecruitment at 23:59 Central European Time (CET) on the deadline for applications date. We encourage applicants to submit the application well before the deadline date.

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

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