



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

## Vacancy Announcement No: IRC5247

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Deadline For Application: 5 April 2018

<b>Position Title:</b>	Forestry Officer (National Forest Inventory)	<b>Grade Level:</b>	P-3
		<b>Duty Station:</b>	Italy, Rome
<b>Organizational Unit:</b>	Forest Policy and Resources Division, FOA	<b>Duration *:</b>	Fixed term: 2 years with possibility of extension
		<b>Post Number:</b>	2006297
		<b>CCOG Code:</b>	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 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 National Forest Monitoring Team of the Forestry Department, which supports FAO member countries on all aspects of forest monitoring to provide reliable information for national forest policy development, planning and sustainable management as well as for satisfying international reporting requirements. The Team also supports countries on technical issues related to National Forest Monitoring Systems and the development of cost effective and reliable Measurement, Reporting and Verification processes. The Team develops and maintains *Open Foris* ' a set of tools and guidance supporting forest monitoring. It works closely with the REDD+ and the Global Forest Resources Assessment Teams.

### Reporting Lines

The Forestry Officer reports to the Team Leader of National Forest Monitoring, under the overall guidance of the REDD+/NFM Coordinator and the Director, FOA.

### Technical Focus

The Forestry Officer (National Forest Inventory) will be responsible for coordinating technical support to a portfolio of multi-purpose National Forest Inventory (NFI) country projects, develop NFI normative products and coordinate related capacity building efforts, within the overall context of FAO's Strategic Programme on making agriculture, forestry and fisheries more productive and sustainable.

### Key Results

Research, technical analysis, and project related services to support the delivery of programme projects, products, and services.

### Key Functions

- Researches and analyzes technical, social, economic, environmental, institutional, and technology related information, data and statistics and/or related policy issues to support the delivery of programme projects, products and services
- Produces a variety of technical information, data, statistics and reports as well as input for technical documents and web pages.
- Provides technical support/analysis to various assessments, studies and initiatives and provides technical backstopping to field projects.
- Collaborates in the development of improved/updated tools, systems, processes, and databases.
- Participates on multi-disciplinary teams, and/or leads working groups/teams collaborates with other departments and agencies on work groups and committees and promotes best practices.
- Collaborates in, provides technical backstopping to and ensures the quality / effectiveness of capacity development 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 knowledge sharing and best practices at international meetings and conferences and influences partners in stakeholder consultations.

- Supports resource mobilization activities in accordance with the FAO Corporate strategy.

### Specific Functions

- Supports forestry's contributions to sustainable food and agriculture by helping to strengthen countries' capacity to make evidence-based land use and forest management decisions, including in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Agreement]
- Provides coordination of technical support to a portfolio of multi-purpose NFI projects
- Provides continuity of support to NFI normative products, which respond to country capacity needs and leads the development of thematic capacity building materials (technical guidance documents and presentations)
- Provides leadership to the NFI Thematic Group within the Team, including mapping of all activities, developing and delivering annual work plans for the thematic group, and organising regular meetings
- Responds to member country requests for technical support on NFI
- Contributes to Forestry Department's work on forest monitoring

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## CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

### Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in forestry or geosciences or a related field.
- Five years of relevant experience in multi-purpose National Forest Inventory (NFI) or forest assessment.
- 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 and knowledge of multi-purpose NFI
- Extent of experience in developing countries, including knowledge of their information needs for domestic forest management and international reporting (including SDGs, REDD+ and the Paris Agreement)
- Extent of experience in capacity building and written and oral communication skills on technical issues
- Extent and relevance of experience in project implementation, networking and partnership building
- Relevance of experience with UN, intergovernmental and international organizations related to forestry is considered a strong asset.

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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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### 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

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## **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](mailto:iRecruitment@fao.org)

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