



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Vacancy Announcement No: IRC5416

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Deadline For Application: 6 August 2018

Position Title:	Forestry Officer (Forest Policy)	Grade Level:	P-4
		Duty Station:	Italy, Rome
Organizational Unit:	Forest Policy and Resources Division, FOA	Duration *:	Fixed term: 2 years with possibility of extension
		Post Number:	0428531
		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 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.

This position is located in the Forest Governance and Economics Team.

Reporting Lines

The Forestry Officer reports to Senior Forestry Officer, Team Leader of the Forest Governance and Economics Team under the overall guidance of the Director, FOA.

Technical Focus

The position contributes to FAO Strategic Objective 2, with a focus on building a stronger dialogue and integration within and across stakeholder groups to sustainably increase production and productivity, address climate change, biodiversity and environmental degradation in agriculture, forestry and fisheries in the context of nutrition and gender-sensitive food systems.

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

- Undertakes analysis, develops and supports implementation of guidelines and practical methodologies to promote effective policy development on forests and trees, policy implementation and cross-sectoral policy dialogue, especially in the context of national forest programmes;
- Provides guidance, technical support and capacity development to forest stakeholders and relevant institutions in forest policy formulation, analysis and review and in development and implementation of national forest programmes.
- Formulates, monitors and provides technical backstopping of projects in the area of forest policy formulation, analysis and evaluation;
- Supports countries to develop and strengthen capacities to harness forest contributions to implement the SDGs, climate change and regional commitments, in coherence with the three dimensions of sustainability (environmental, economic and social) and enhancing cross-sectorial and integrated approaches;
- Identifies and develops information on emerging issues related to forest policy in collaboration with other FAO units, other international organizations and relevant non-governmental organizations;
- Supervises consultants, contracts and manages administrative processes related to activities and products in his/her area of work;
- Performs other related duties as required.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in Forestry, Environmental Policy and/or Governance, or related areas
- Seven years of relevant experience in with significant work in forest policy and governance.
- 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 forest policy, intersectoral policy linkages and national forest programmes
- Extent and relevance of experience in developing countries and regional/international programmes or organizations
- Demonstrated ability to initiate, plan, monitor and evaluate programme or project activities
- Extent and relevance of in organizing and coordinating technical meetings and training workshops

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

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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

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