



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Vacancy Announcement No: IRC5603

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Deadline For Application: 12 July 2018

Position Title:	Forestry Officer (Global Forest Resources Assessment)	Grade Level:	P-4
Organizational Unit:	Forest Policy and Resources Division, FOA	Duty Station:	Italy, Rome
		Duration *:	Fixed term: 2 years, with possibility of extension
		Post Number:	0827525
		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.

The post is located in the Global Forest Resources Assessment Team, FOA.

Reporting Lines

The Forestry Officer reports to the Team Leader, **Global Forest Resource Assessment** Team, under the overall guidance of the Director, FOA, and in close collaboration the team members as well as with other units in FAO.

Technical Focus

The incumbent will coordinate the analytical work of the Global Forest Resources Assessment, bringing together data reported by countries, independent remote sensing analysis and data from third parties, and generate statistical outputs and information products.

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

- In the context of FAO's strategic programme on making agriculture, fisheries and forestry more sustainable, assembles, analyses, and improves access to forest related data and information and assists in the preparation of submissions for the SDG reporting;
- prepares, coordinates and executes work plan tasks for data processing, analysis, statistical outputs and information products, based on data reported by countries, data obtained through remote sensing analysis and external data;
- evaluates needs for additional external and remote sensing data that will provide added value to the Global Forest Resources Assessment (FRA) process;
- processes and analyses data as part of the FRA reporting process;
- supervises project staff and consultants conducting various kinds of analysis for the FRA programme;
- supports the country reporting process, review of country reports;
- prepares training materials and helps organize and conduct regional and national workshops;
- contributes to the preparation of FRA technical reports, other technical documents and progress reports within the framework of the Global Forest Resources Assessment Programme;
- prepares background material for and participate in meetings;
- organizes and participates in expert consultations and technical meetings;
- performs other related duties as required.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in forest resources management or a related field
- Seven years of relevant experience in the field of forest resources assessment including international experience, part of which is analysis of field data and/or geospatial data and preparation of statistics and analytical documents based on these data.
- 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 large scale forest resources assessments, including both field inventory data collection and remote sensing, in particular from developing countries.
- Extent and relevance of experience in the analysis of field inventory and remote sensing data, and compilation of statistical outputs as well as summaries for policy makers.
- Extent and relevance of experience in managing complex databases and combining datasets to generate relevant information.
- Extent and relevance of knowledge on regional and global forest resources.
- Experience in organizing and conducting regional and national workshops/ training sessions.
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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*.

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
- Candidates endorsed in the selection process for this vacancy announcement will be considered for the FAO Professional Employment Roster for a period of two years. The Roster is used to fill other similar positions at the same or lower grade, and in the same or another duty station.
- 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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