Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Vacancy Announcement №: IRC5700

Position Title:	Forestry Officer (SEPAL)	**Grade Level:**	P-2
		Duty Station:	Italy, Rome
Organizational Unit:	Forest Policy and Resources Division, FOA	**Duration *:**	Fixed term: one year (with possibility of extension)
		Post Number:	2006954
		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

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 National Forest Monitoring (NFM) Team of the Forestry Department, which supports FAO member countries on all aspects of forest monitoring to provide reliable information for national forest- and land use-related 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 (NFMS) and the development of cost effective and reliable Measurement, Reporting and Verification (MRV) processes. The NFM Team also develops and maintains *Open Foris* (a set of tools and guidance supporting forest and land use monitoring). It works closely with the REDD+ and Global Forest Resources Assessment (FRA) Teams. The work of the team supports implementation of FAO's Strategic Programme 2 "Making agriculture, forestry and fisheries more productive and sustainable".

Reporting Lines

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

Technical Focus

The technical focus of this position will be to support capacity building globally for the FAO System for Earth Data Access, Processing and Analysis for Land Monitoring (SEPAL) and the broader forest and land use monitoring work of the Forestry Department, while ensuring technical linkage with other FAO teams and partner organizations within the context of FAO's Strategic Framework.

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 analyses 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 multidisciplinary 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

- Provides analytical support to the SEPAL component of the *Open Foris* initiative;
- Provides capacity building, training and materials for country capacity development;
- Performs satellite image classification and change detection using optical and radar remotely sensed datasets;
- Develops applications using R, R-Shiny and other tools to facilitate processing of remotely sensed datasets;
- Contributes to the Forestry Department's work on forest and land use monitoring;
- Performs any other relevant duties as needed.

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CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in forest resources assessment and monitoring, or remote sensing of forest and land-use or related technical field;
- Three years of relevant experience in forest resources assessment, or related field;
- 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 capacity building in developing countries on forest resources assessment;
- Extent and relevance of knowledge and experience in operational use of R, R-Studio, R-shiny to analyse data and create applications that facilitate access and analysis of data;
- Extent and relevance of knowledge and experience in open-source GIS, remote sensing and data analysis;
- Extent and relevance of experience in the preparation, editing and revision of technical/scientific documents and in organizing meetings and workshops;
- Extent and relevance of experience in forest and natural resource management.

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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 recognized 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 two years
- Candidates may be requested to provide performance assessments

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

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