



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Vacancy Announcement No: IRC5906

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Deadline For Application: 05 February 2019

Position Title:	Senior Forestry Officer (Team Leader, REDD+)	Grade Level:	P-5
		Duty Station:	Italy, Rome
Organizational Unit:	Forest Policy and Resources Division, FOA	Duration *:	Fixed term: one year (with possibility of extension)
		Post Number:	2007020
		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 (FOA) 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 Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+)/National Forest Monitoring Cluster of the Forestry Department. The REDD+ team supports developing countries in their efforts to mitigate climate change through the implementation of REDD+ activities while contributing to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and national sustainable development. The REDD+ programme supports countries to develop and implement REDD+ strategies and action plans; address safeguards; enhance related monitoring and transparency; address drivers of deforestation and land use change; promote sustainable forest management and integrated land-use planning; and improve governance to halt deforestation, including tenure and legal aspects in the context of REDD+. 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 Senior Forestry Officer reports to the Coordinator of the REDD+/National Forest Monitoring cluster, under the overall guidance of the Director, FOA. She/he will work closely with the FAO Decentralized Offices, FO forestry experts and with other relevant FAO units.

Technical Focus

The Senior Forestry Officer (Team Leader) will provide technical guidance and programmatic coordination of projects and activities of the FAO REDD+ team while ensuring technical linkage with other FAO teams and partner organizations within the context of FAO's strategic Framework.

Key Results

Leadership and technical policy expertise for the planning, development and implementation of departmental/division programmes of work, projects, products, services in accordance with FAO Strategic Objectives.

Key Functions

- Plans, manages, or leads highly specialized or multidisciplinary teams, leads, coordinates, and/or participates in Organization-wide, cross-departmental committees, project teams, and working groups, and/or provides technical leadership/secretariat services on technical networks and/or international technical policy and standard setting bodies;
- Analyzes global and country specific requirements and relevant technical issues to provide critical input into the FAO Strategic Objectives, programme of work, work plans and the supporting budgets and/or resourcing strategies;
- Implements and monitors programmes of work involving the development of the approach, evidence-based strategies, and related tools, methodologies and the supporting system/database, monitoring and reporting frameworks;

- Conducts, designs and oversees research and analysis activities to support the development of technical standards, international instruments, innovation, technical reports, publications and/or ongoing programme development as well as the provision of technical and/or policy advisory services;
- Provides technical and policy advice to member countries and technical support to decentralized offices in the development and implementation of their programmes;
- Leads and/or 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, online tools;
- Represents the Organization at international meetings and conferences, identifies and implements strategic partnerships, advocates best practices and increased policy dialogue and develops and negotiates effective working relationships/consensus and agreements with international and national stakeholders;
- Leads and/or participates in resource mobilization activities, in accordance with the FAO Corporate strategy.

Specific Functions

- Leads, coordinates and supervises the REDD+ team's contribution to FAO's strategic objectives, in particular SP2 on making agriculture, forestry and fisheries more productive and sustainable;
- Oversees the Team's work and provides policy advice and technical expertise on contributions of forests and forestry to climate change mitigation and adaptation, including implementation and results-based actions related to REDD+;
- Promotes integrated approaches and interdisciplinary work by the REDD+ team and strengthens synergies and collaboration across forestry, crop, livestock, fisheries and other departments, regional and decentralized offices, supporting countries in implementing SDGs through cross-sectorial, integrated approaches;
- Leads programmatic coordination of REDD+ projects and programmes including their design, implementation and monitoring and represents FAO in the UN-REDD Programme Management Group;
- Liaises with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) as well as with donors and International Financing Institutions (IFIs) on policy, programming and financing matters related to REDD+;
- Leads the Team's support to countries in implementing their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs);
- Liaises and coordinates with partners including the UN-REDD, the World Bank, FCPF, FIP, GEF, GCF and other REDD+-related initiatives to foster collaboration and enhance effective support to countries;
- Performs other related duties as required.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in forestry, natural resources or a related field;
- Ten years of relevant experience in natural resources or forest management with significant experience on REDD+, experience in management of complex and multidisciplinary projects, and liaison with international agencies;
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two.

Competencies

- Results Focus;
- Leading, Engaging and Empowering Others;
- Communication;
- Partnering and Advocating;
- Knowledge Sharing and Continuous Improvement;
- Strategic Thinking.

Technical/Functional Skills

- Work experience in more than one location or area of work, particularly in field positions, is essential;
- Depth of familiarity with forestry and the REDD+ agenda under the UNFCCC;
- Extent and relevance of experience in planning and implementation of programmes related to natural resources, forestry and REDD+ in national governments or environmental or development agencies;
- Extent and relevance of experience in working with agricultural sectors in cross-sectorial, integrated projects or programmes at country level;
- Demonstrated results-based management capabilities and ability to manage programmes, budgets and human resources efficiently under shifting priorities;
- Ability to mobilize resources;
- Working knowledge of English, including experience in preparing technical reports and papers, is considered a strong asset

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 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

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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