

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

PROFESSIONAL VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT N°: NRC-624-11-PRJ

Issued on: 24 January 2011 Deadline For Application: 7 February 2011

POSITION TITLE: Natural Resources Officer (Climate change) GRADE LEVEL: P-2

DUTY STATION:

ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: Climate, Energy and Tenure Division, NRC

FAO HQ DURATION *: 12 months (with possibility of

extension)

Natural Resources Management and

Environment Department

Post Code/N°: unidentified

CCOG CODE:

Applications from qualified women as well as from qualified nationals of non-and under-represented member countries are encouraged

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the overall guidance of the Director, NRC, the direct supervision of the UN-REDD Programme Coordinator, and in close collaboration with UNEP counterparts, the incumbent will coordinate the data collection and management for the REDD+ Partnership Voluntary Database on Financing, Actions and Results (www.reddplusdatabase.org), including country support in data collection and reporting. In particular, will:

- assist in the establishment of improved data collection and data management processes, including determining data requirements and specifications as well as development of protocol and methodology for data collection;
- develop guidance and training material for database users;
- train country focal points with respect to data collection and reporting;
- identify data gaps and provide solutions to adequately close the gaps;
- contribute to the development of required information systems and in particular assist in improving database functionality and interface;
- provide quality assurance and enter data reported by countries;
- perform data analyses and prepare policy guidance based on results extracted;
- perform other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- University degree in biological sciences, environmental sciences, statistics/mathematics or closely related field
- Three years of relevant experience in the development and maintenance of databases and special infrastructures
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent of experience in database development, maintenance and use
- Ability to undertake data analysis and synthesis
- Extent of experience in supporting national data gathering processes
- Level and relevance of knowledge of developing data protocols and data collection methodology, including quality assurance
- Familiarity with the work of the UN System
- Demonstrated capacity to work effectively in multidisciplinary teams
- Ability to develop networks and collaborations
- Problem-solving/solution-oriented, pro-active approach

Please note that all candidates should possess computer/word processing skills and should be capable of working with people of different national and cultural backgrounds.

* The length of appointment for internal FAO candidates will be established in accordance with applicable policies pertaining to the extension of appointments

A competitive compensation and benefits package is offered. For information on UN salaries, allowances and benefits, click on the following link: http://icsc.un.org/

TO APPLY: Carefully read and follow the Guidelines to applicants

Send your application to: V.A NRC-624-11-PRJ

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