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Deadline For Application: 23 February 2011

Position Title: Natural Resources Officer (Climate Change

Mitigation)

DUTY STATION: FAO HQ

ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: Climate, Energy and Tenure Division, NRC

DURATION *: 24 months (with possibility of

extension)

Natural Resources Management and Enviornment

Department

POST CODE/N°: unidentified

CCOG CODE: 1R

GRADE LEVEL:

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 and the supervision of the Programme Coordinator of the project "Making land use and agriculture part of the solution – Building capacities for Agriculture Mitigation" (MICCA), and the Natural Resources Officer leading FAO's project on the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Assessment Framework for Emissions and Mitigation Potentials in Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, the incumbent will:

- support the implementation of the assessment framework and the development of procedures, methods, infrastructures and agreements to generate a global GHG agriculture assessment;
- strengthen national and international data acquisition systems working in conjunction with the FAO Statistics Division, the Agriculture Department, Member States and other external partners;
- develop training and capacity building programs to enhance acquisition and accuracy of GHG related data;
- gather and process data for the GHG assessment, including the life cycle analysis of individual agriculture products;
- assist in providing agricultural GHG and mitigation data inputs to the 5th IPCC Assessment Report;
- prepare methodology and protocol sheets, as well as guidance documents, to assist national statistics units and other
 entities in the gathering, processing and analysis of GHG data and information;
- develop regional and global summaries of GHG emissions and mitigation potentials from the agricultural sector;
- perform background research and draft technical papers and guidelines;
- perform other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- University degree in geography, biological sciences, environmental sciences or closely related field
- Five years of relevant experience in environmental monitoring, biophysical cycles or related field
- 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 agricultural and land cover/use data collection, analyses and reporting including international experience particularly in developing countries
- Extent of experience in GHG data processing and analysis, including Life Cycle Analyses
- Extent and relevance of experience in capacity building and training
- Experience in statistical systems and Geographic Information Systems
- Ability to work in a team and to develop networks and collaborations
- Ability to identify novel and practical ways to solve problems and obstacles

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

REMUNERATION

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-629-11-PRJ

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