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POSITION TITLE:	Technical Officer (Natural Resources - GEF)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-3
		DUTY STATION:	Rome, Italy
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Investment Centre Division (TCI)	DURATION *:	Fixed term: 2 years
	Technical Cooperation Department	POST CODE/N°:	unidentified
		CCOG CODE:	1R

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

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Investment Centre Division (TCI) promotes investment in agriculture and rural development in developing countries and countries in transition, assisting governments, international financing institutions (IFIs) and other development partners with the strategic planning and implementation of their investments to achieve growth, poverty alleviation, food security and nutrition goals while addressing critical environmental challenges such as climate change.

Under the overall guidance of the Director, TCI and the supervision of the Senior Coordinator, Global Environment Facility (GEF), the incumbent will be responsible for providing guidance to Decentralized Offices, Technical divisions, and Delivery Managers for Major Areas of Work in the design and preparation of projects for financing by the GEF, climate change adaptation and other environmental funds. In particular, the incumbent will:

- provide substantive guidance to project proponents in the identification, development and implementation of natural resource/environmental management project proposals that address national priorities of recipient countries and match the Strategic Objectives, programme priorities and operational procedures of FAO, GEF or other environmental fund;
- advise on the design and coordinate the preparation and approval of project proposals for GEF financing;
- participate in multidisciplinary missions to assist governments of developing countries in the identification and formulation of projects for financing by the GEF, Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF), Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF) or other environmental funds;
- provide quality control function at all stages of the GEF project cycle;
- monitor FAO-GEF portfolio and supervise implementation of assigned projects, troubleshoot and make recommendations for improvement;
- keep abreast of new developments and requirements in the GEF-managed and other environmental funds;
- prepare inputs to the annual Project Implementation Review (PIR) and to FAO's reporting to the GEF Secretariat and GEF Council;
- train FAO technical staff in headquarters and Decentralized Offices on strategies, priorities and procedures, trends and issues related GEF and other environmental funds;
- perform other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced university degree in natural resources management, environment, natural resource economics, international relations or in a field directly related to one (or possibly more) of the following areas: biodiversity, climate change, energy, sustainable land, forest or water management
- Five years of relevant experience in biodiversity conservation, climate change, energy, land, water, forest or fisheries management, including GEF project preparation experience
- Working knowledge of English and Spanish

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent and relevance of experience in project preparation, monitoring/supervision of multidisciplinary natural resource management/environmental projects, particularly GEF projects
- Extent and relevance of experience with and knowledge of GEF procedures
- Extent and relevance of experience in one or more of the following areas: biodiversity, climate change, international waters, land degradation, sustainable forest management, sound chemicals management/persistent organic pollutants
- Extent and relevance of experience in providing advice to project proponents at national, subregional and regional levels with regard to project development, results-based management, development of monitoring and evaluation plans, monitoring for project impact
- Excellent oral and written communication skills in English and Spanish

- Demonstrated analytical skills and conceptual skills with proven ability to write results-based project documents and papers and ability to analyse and integrate information from diverse sources
- Experience in dealing with government officials, staff of development partners and country stakeholders;
- Knowledge of FAO's internal project approval processes and Field Project Monitoring and Information System (FPMIS) would be an asset
- Work experience in more than one location or area of work, particularly in field positions is desirable

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.

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TO APPLY:

For guidelines to applicants, please visit the Application Toolkit at <http://www.fao.org/employment/current-vacancies/project/en>

Send your application to: VA **TCI-10-15-PRJ**
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