



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

## Vacancy Announcement No: IRC3925

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Deadline For Application: 21 June 2017

<b>Position Title:</b>	Forestry Officer (Forest Fire Management)	<b>Grade Level:</b>	P-4
		<b>Duty Station:</b>	Italy, Rome
<b>Organizational Unit:</b>	Forest Policy and Resources Division, FOA	<b>Duration *:</b>	Fixed term: 2 years (with possibility of extension)
		<b>Post Number:</b>	1046527
		<b>CCOG Code:</b>	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 Forest 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 Forestry Policy and Resources Division.

### Reporting Lines

The Forestry Officer reports to the Team Leader of the Climate Change and Resilience Team.

### Technical Focus

Forest Fire Prevention and Management and Disaster Risk Control.

### Key Results

Comprehensive technical and policy expertise to support the planning, development and implementation of Departmental/Division programmes, projects, products and services in accordance with Departmental/Division objectives and FAO Strategic Objectives.

### Key Functions

- Plans and leads components of multi-disciplinary teams, leads and/or participates on Organization-wide, cross-Departmental committees, project teams, and working groups and/or provides specialized expertise on technical networks and/or international technical policy and/or international technical policy and standard setting bodies.
- Develops technical, analytical, monitoring and reporting frameworks, and related methodologies, tools, systems and databases etc. to support the planning, implementation/delivery and monitoring of programmes of work, projects, products and/or services.
- Designs and conducts research, data collection, validation, analysis and/or reporting activities to support the development of technical standards, international instruments, innovative approaches and strategies, new tools, technologies, technical reports/publications, and/or policy proposals as well as the provision of technical/policy/specialist/advice and expertise.
- Responds to country requests for technical and policy assistance, provides technical advice, assistance and solutions to Decentralized Offices and provides technical backstopping to field projects.
- 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 materials, on-line tools.
- Promotes international cooperation/advocates best practices, increased policy dialogue and provides technical expertise at international/intergovernmental meetings.
- Participates in resource mobilization activities in accordance with the FAO Corporate strategy.

### Specific Functions

- Designs, plans and implements normative activities in forest fire prevention and management, including the

development of guidelines, best practices and training materials with special emphasis on community-based fire management.

- Promotes and advise member countries on policies, strategies and methods of forest fire prevention and management in the context of FAO's Strategic Programme on resilience of livelihoods to disasters and crises, with a view to facilitating the contribution of forests and trees to improved livelihoods, rural development and food security.
- Supports and promote global cooperation on forest fire prevention and management, collect and advocate best practices, and promote policy dialogue with global partners (e.g. UNISDR, UNECE).
- Coordinates the support of FAO's Forestry Department to FAO's post-disaster management activities, especially in Level 3 emergencies; lead the development of guidelines on the role of trees and forests in disaster risk reduction and resilience building of communities.
- Coordinates with and provide technical support to all relevant technical Divisions and the core team of FAO's Strategic Programme 5 on increasing the resilience of livelihoods from disasters, to plan and implement activities related to forest fire prevention and management, including in the context of rangelands management, climate smart agriculture and conservation agriculture.
- Contributes to FAO's Global Forest Resource Assessment on fire-related aspects, as requested.
- Provides support to regional and sub-regional colleagues by providing technical advice in the design and implementation of activities and projects at country level related to forest fire.

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## CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

### Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in forest resources management or a related field.
- Seven years of relevant experience in forest resources management and conservation, including in developing countries and/or countries in transition.
- 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 of knowledge of forest fire prevention and management in diverse forest types and ecosystems.
- Extent and relevance of experience in analysing technical and institutional/governance aspects and providing policy advice on forest fire prevention and management.
- Extent and relevance of experience in fire and disaster risk reduction, incl. community-based approaches.
- Extent and relevance of experience with remote sensing and GIS technology, or relevant global data bases, for fire management.
- Extent of exposure/experience on wider aspects of disaster risk reduction
- Ability to mobilize resources.

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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 recognised 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 2 years
- Candidates may be requested to provide performance assessments

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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](mailto:iRecruitment@fao.org)

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