



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

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Deadline For Application: 5 January 2018

Position Title:	Forestry Officer (Redd+/National Forest Inventory)	Grade Level:	P-3
		Duty Station:	The Democratic Republic of Congo, Kinshasa
Organizational Unit:	Forest Policy and Resources Division, FOA	Duration *:	Fixed term: 1 year, with possibility of extension
		Post Number:	2006627
		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 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. Other topics of interest for the Division are agroforestry, urban forestry, and forests and climate change, including Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+).

FAO together with the DRC's National REDD+ fund (FONAREDD) is currently developing a National Forest Monitoring System (NFMS) in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). The project focuses on: (1) an operational national satellite land monitoring system (SLMS) that can produce forest area change estimates; (2) submission of forest reference (emission) levels (FRL); (3) evaluation of forest resources and carbon stocks through the first national forest inventory (NFI); (4) strengthening of the Greenhouse Gas Inventory to support national communications to the UNFCCC and Biennial Update Report compilation; (5) monitoring of the major deforestation events; and (6) dissemination of the information and results of the NFMS and REDD+ to all stakeholders.

The project contributes to FAO Strategic Programme 2 on increasing and improving the provision of goods and services from agriculture, forestry and fisheries in a sustainable manner, in particular to strengthening institutional capacities of institutions to collect, analyse and report data for decision making. This requires integration within the broader framework of sustainable food and agriculture that aims at increasing production and productivity of agriculture, forestry and fisheries, addressing climate change, and managing natural resources; and enhance rural livelihoods.

The position is based in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

Reporting Lines

The Forestry Officer reports to the Forestry Officer reports to the FAO Representative in the DRC on administrative matters and to the Forestry Officer (REDD+ Regional Adviser for Africa) at FAO Headquarters, Forestry Department, on technical matters, under the overall guidance of the REDD+/NFM Coordinator.

The Forestry officer will work closely with the Ministry of the Environment and Sustainable Development (MEDD), in particular the Directorate of Forest Inventories and Management (DIAF), and the Sustainable Development Department (DDD).

Technical Focus

Coordinates the project implementation, manages and ensures the project coherence and monitor its implementation; the incumbent will also be in charge of the technical aspect related to the production of data on the emission factors of the DRC.

Key Results

Research, technical analysis, and project related services to support the delivery of programme projects, products, and services.

Key Functions

- Researches and analyzes technical, social, economic, environmental, institutional, and technology related information, data and statistics and/or related policy issues to support the delivery of programme projects, products and services
- Produces a variety of technical information, data, statistics and reports as well as input for technical documents

- and web pages.
- Provides technical support/analysis to various assessments, studies and initiatives and provides technical backstopping to field projects.
- Collaborates in the development of improved/updated tools, systems, processes, and databases.
- Participates on multi-disciplinary teams, and/or leads working groups/teams collaborates with other departments and agencies on work groups and committees and promotes best practices.
- Collaborates in, provides technical backstopping to and ensures the quality / effectiveness of capacity development 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 knowledge sharing and best practices at international meetings and conferences and influences partners in stakeholder consultations.
- Supports resource mobilization activities in accordance with the FAO Corporate strategy.

Specific Functions

- Prepares Terms of Reference for experts to be recruited, Letters of Agreements, procurement plans, etc.;
- Manages, monitors and coordinates the activities of the NFMS, ensuring their implementation according to the proposed time and budget planning;
- Elaborates annual work plans and ensures their validation during the project steering committee meetings;
- Organizes and implements all follow-up meetings identified in the programme document (meetings with partners, steering committee meetings, etc.);
- Maintains constant contact with programme partners;
- Manages the National Forest Inventory component of the project for the production of emission factors for the DRC: starts activities from the strengthening of the methodology to result dissemination, through the implementation of the field inventory (programming, field data collection, data analysis, reporting and publication of results);
- Ensures data consolidation work and prepares practical syntheses of technical and preparatory studies to guide on orientations and decisions;
- Participates in national and international meetings relevant to the above tasks, reports back to the national counterpart on the main findings and discusses any adjustments to FAO-piloted activities through the UN-REDD programme;
- Works closely with REDD+ partners to ensure coordination and complementarity in the design and implementation of national programmes in synergy with regional and international initiatives;
- Ensures a constant contact with FAO experts supporting REDD+ activities in the DRC;
- Represents FAO in REDD+ events in the DRC; and
- Performs other duties as required.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in forestry, natural resources management, environmental sciences or other related field;
- Five years of relevant experience in coordinating and managing the implementation of REDD+ related project/programme in developing countries, preferably in Central Africa;
- Working knowledge of English and French.

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
- Knowledge on national forest monitoring.
- Extent and relevance of experience in Nationwide Forest Inventory.
- Extent and relevance of experience both governmental and non-governmental forestry stakeholders.
- Extent of knowledge of issues related to measurement, reporting and verification (MRV) of REDD+ activities, as well as the different components of REDD+ implementation in the context of the UNFCCC.
- Extent of knowledge and relevance of experience in forest inventory, greenhouse gas inventories.
- Knowledge of the REDD+ process and stakeholders in DRC is desirable.
- Extent and relevance of experience in managing and coordinating complex projects/programmes involving multiple partners.
- Understanding of FAO policies and programmes is desirable.

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 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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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.

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