Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Vacancy Announcement No: IRC5095

Position Title:	Forestry Officer (Redd+/National Forest Inventory)	**Grade Level:**	P-3
		Duty Station:	Liberia, Monrovia
Organizational Unit:	Forest Policy and Resources Division, FOA	**Duration *:**	Fixed term: 1 year, with possibility of extension
		Post Number:	2006628
		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 is currently supporting the development of a National Forest Monitoring System (NFMS) and the implementation of a measurement, reporting and verification (MRV) system for REDD+ in the Republic of Liberia. The project will focus on: (1) national forest inventory (NFI), (2) satellite land monitoring system (SLMS), (3) the development and submission of a Forest Reference Emission Level or Forest Reference Level (FREL/FRL) to the UNFCCC, and (4) the strengthening of national government institutions and the institutionalization of the MRV system.

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, analyze 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 the FAO Representation of Monrovia, Liberia.

Reporting Lines

The Forestry Officer reports to the FAO Representative in Liberia on administrative matters and to 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 officer will work closely with the Liberian Forestry Development Authority (FDA) of the Ministry of Agriculture and the National REDD+ Implementation Unit for Liberia.

Technical Focus

Coordinates the project implementation, manages and ensures the project coherence and monitor its implementation. The incumbent will also provide the necessary technical support for effective and efficient delivery of the project outputs, including on the planning and coordination of the national multipurpose inventory, capacity building of key institutions and stakeholders, institutional strengthening and land-use mapping.

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

- Manages, monitors, coordinates and provides guidance for all project activities in collaboration with the FDA National Project Coordinator (NPC), ensuring the implementation of activities are according to the proposed work and budget planning; and liaises weekly with relevant FAO experts to inform on progress and obtain technical clearance on key technical work and outputs.
- Elaborates detailed work plans, with prioritization and timing of each activity, scope of activities under each output and modalities of project implementation, and ensures their validation during the project steering committee meetings.
- Coordinates the development and implementation of the National Forest Inventory in Liberia including the development of NFI data collection protocol and sampling design, implementation of the field inventory (planning, field data collection, undertakes ad-hoc supervision missions, supports the quality assurance and quality control), data analysis, reporting and publication of results, in close collaboration with the NPC, and FAO and FDA experts.
- Develops and implements a training programme on NFI based on identified training needs including quality assurance/quality control protocol, establishes data entry, data cleansing and data storage operational procedures, trains NFI data entry experts, and supports the development of Terms of Reference for each relevant institution to be involved in REDD+ MRV.
- Supports the NPC in organizing and conducting consultation activities; liaises regularly with FDA and other relevant Government representatives to inform on progress and resolve bottlenecks, and ensures that field teams submit monthly progress reports and assist in resolving field implementation and other related problems, in close collaboration with the NPC.
- Coordinates, in close collaboration with the NPC, as well as FAO and FDA experts, the development of the NFI data processing and analysis procedures, and provides substantial inputs to the NFI report and ensure its completion.
- Regularly liaises with the International Remote-Sensing expert to monitor progress of the work on Forest cover and land use change analysis and ensures cohesion between remote-sensing and NFI activities.
- Oversees the implementation of activities related to the development of FRELs/FRLs, in close collaboration with the NPC and the International FREL expert.
- 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 in project/programme implementation in developing countries;
- 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
- Knowledge on national forest monitoring;
- Extent and relevance of experience working with 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 inventories and/or greenhouse gas inventories and/or forest reference emissions levels in developing countries;

- Extent and relevance of experience in managing complex projects/programmes involving multiple partners;
- Extent and relevance of experience in capacity building and in advising developing country authorities on forestry/environmental issues;
- Knowledge of the REDD+ process and stakeholders in Liberia is desirable;
- 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
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