



POSITION TITLE:	Chief Technical Advisor (Sustainable Use of NWFP in Central Africa)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-4
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Subregional Office for Central Africa SFC	DUTY STATION:	Libreville, Gabon
		DURATION *:	1 year (extendable)
		POST CODE/N°:	Unidentified
		CCOG CODE:	1.H.06

**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

Under the overall supervision of the Sub-Regional Coordinator, SFC and under the overall technical supervision of the Director FOE, and with the guidance and support of Forestry Officers at HQ and at Sub-regional Offices for Central Africa (SFC) and for Eastern Africa (SFE), and in close cooperation with the FAO Country Offices, the Chief Technical Advisor will ensure the effective implementation of the Project "Strengthening the contribution of Non Wood Forest Products to Food security in Central Africa - GCP/RAF/479/AFB". In particular, the incumbent will:

- plan, coordinate and supervise the implementation of all project components, outputs and activities, prepare annual work plans and budgets and ensure communication and outreach activities to disseminate results and raise visibility of the project;
- provide guidance to and supervise project staff and consultants as well as National Project Coordinator, National Forest Programme for project activity implementation in Chad, Equatorial Guinea, Sao Tome and Principe, Rwanda and Burundi, ensuring overall coordination of activities; ensure timely scheduling of project inputs, prepare ToRs/contracts for project staff and consultants, and be responsible for their performance evaluation;
- review and analyze the existing institutional set-up, responsibilities and capabilities for Non Wood Forest Products (NWFP) development in the region, identify gaps in thematic and/or geographic coverage and measures to overcome the gaps within the scope of the project proposal;
- provide advice to governments on appropriate policies promoting the sustainable use of NWFP and on their contribution to food security and Right to Food issues;
- supervise the development of training materials and the organization of project workshops and training events and lead project participation at relevant international events;
- develop concepts to strengthen national and regional capacities in NWFP related forest policy and small-scale enterprise development, and identify follow-up activities for their implementation;
- act as Secretary to the Project Steering Committee (PSC), and in collaboration with the PSC chairperson coordinate and organize the PSC meetings;
- develop partnerships with other relevant national and international organizations including projects and programmes to ensure synergies with the project, and provide support to the COMIFAC sub-regional Network on NWFP;
- perform other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced university degree in agriculture, forestry, biology, natural resources, economics, social sciences or a field relevant to the duties of the post
- Seven years of relevant experience in project management, resource management, small-scale enterprise development and/or trade in developing countries
- Working knowledge of English and French

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent and relevance of experience in planning, implementing and coordinating large complex projects related to natural resources management in developing countries, preferably in Central Africa
- Extent of knowledge and experience in production and trade of NWFPs and small-scale NWFP-based enterprise development, especially in Central Africa
- Demonstrated ability to analyze technical information
- Demonstrated ability to organize and coordinate workshops, meetings and training activities
- Level of oral and written communication skills in French Proven capacity to work with and establish working relationships with medium- to high-level government and non-government representatives

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**

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