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Deadline For Application: 25 April 2014

POSITION TITLE:	Technical Officer (Natural Resources - GEF)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-4
		DUTY STATION:	Rome
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Investment Centre Division (TCI)	DURATION *:	Fixed term: 2 years
	Technical Cooperation Department, TC	POST CODE/N°:	2003812
		CCOG CODE:	1R

**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.

Under the overall guidance of the Director of the Investment Centre Division (TCI), and the supervision of the FAO Global Environment Facility (GEF) Coordinator, the incumbent will be responsible for providing guidance to the technical divisions, relevant Interdepartmental Working Groups (IDWGs) and Decentralized Offices in the design and preparation of projects for financing by GEF, the adaptation or other environmental funds. In particular, the incumbent will:

- provide technical guidance to project proponents in the identification, development and implementation of natural resource/environmental project proposals that address national priorities of the recipient countries and match FAO and GEF (or other environmental fund) strategic objectives, programme priorities and operational policies and procedures;
- advise on the design and coordinate the preparation and approval of project proposals for GEF and other donor financing;
- participate in, and as required, lead multidisciplinary missions to assist governments of developing countries in the identification and formulation of natural resource/environmental management projects for financing by the GEF, Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF), Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF) or other environmental funds;
- ensure quality control function at all stages of the GEF project cycle;
- assist in the management of the 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;
- contribute to the preparation of the annual Project Implementation Review (PIR) and to FAO's reporting to the GEF Secretariat and GEF Council;
- participate in the design and implementation of training activities to FAO technical staff in headquarters and Decentralized Offices on the strategies, priorities and procedures, trends and issues related to GEF, adaptation 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
- Seven years of relevant experience in biodiversity conservation, climate change, energy, land, water, forest or fisheries management closely related fields, including GEF project preparation experience
- Working knowledge of English

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Work experience in more than one location or area of work, particularly in field positions is desirable
- Demonstrated analytical skills and conceptual skills with proven ability to write results-based project documents and papers and ability to analyse and integrate diverse information from various sources
- Extent and relevance of experience in project preparation, results-based monitoring/supervision of multidisciplinary projects, particularly GEF projects
- Extent and relevance of experience with and knowledge of the procedures of GEF and other environmental funds
- 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 technical 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
- Proven networking, team-building and organizational and interpersonal skills
- Excellent oral and written communication skills in English; Fluency in French or other FAO official language would be an asset
- Knowledge of FAO's internal project approval processes and Field Project Monitoring and Information System (FPMIS) would be an asset

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**

REMUNERATION

A competitive compensation and benefits package is offered. For information on UN salaries, allowances and benefits, click on the following link: <http://icsc.un.org/>

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

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