Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

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Position Title: Forestry Officer (NFI & REDD+)
Organizational Unit: Forest Policy and Resources Division, FOADD

Grade Level: P-3
Duty Station: Kinshasa, The Democratic Republic Of Congo
Duration*: Fixed-term: 1 year, with a possibility of extension
Post Number: 2006335
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 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 officer will work in close relationship with the FAO REDD+ regional technical advisors based in Rome and Nairobi, and with the programme assistant to the FAO Representative in DRC.

The post is located in the FAO Representation Office in Kinshasa, DRC.

Reporting Lines
The Forestry Officer reports to the FAO Representative in the DRC and to the Forestry Officer (REDD+ Regional Adviser for Africa) based in FAO headquarters.

Technical Focus
Coordinate the project implementation, manage and ensure 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 cooperation with all concerned, including the Information Technology Division (CIO), 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 collaboration with Decentralized Offices and Regional Programme Leaders (RPLs), in accordance with the FAO Corporate strategy.
Specific Functions

• Implements the project: 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 the implementation of activities according to the proposed activity and budget planning;
• Elaborates annual work plans and ensure their validation during the project steering committee meetings;
• Organizes and implement 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: start 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, report sback 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 any other tasks requested by the Representation concerning activities related to the management of natural resources.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

• Advanced university degree in forestry, forest economics, forest engineering, biology or environmental sciences or other related field.
• Five years of relevant experience in the implementation of National Forest Inventory and in the management of programmes and projects.
• 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
• Extent and relevance of experience in the field of administration, human resources, finance and management
• 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
• In-depth knowledge of the REDD+ process and stakeholders in the DRC
• Extent and relevance of experience in managing and coordinating complex projects/programmes involving multiple partners
• Extent of relevant professional experience in the DRC or in the Central Africa region
• Understanding of FAO policies and programmes is considered a strong asset.

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.

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