

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

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Deadline For Application: 24 April 2014

GRADE LEVEL:

POSITION TITLE: Forestry Officer (Forests and Water)

P-2 **DUTY STATION:** Rome, Italy

ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: Forest Assessment, Management and

Conservation Division (FOM)

DURATION *: Fixed-Term: 2 years

Forestry Department (FO)

Post Code/N°: 2002480 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 guidance of the Director, FOM, the technical supervision of the Team Leader, Watershed Management and Mountains, and in close collaboration with staff in FOM and other FAO Departments and Offices, the incumbent will support FAO's work related to forests and water. In particular, the incumbent will:

- contribute to the work programme on watershed management and forest hydrology, including the collection, analysis and dissemination of relevant information;
- provide technical support to the planning, formulation and implementation of field projects related to watershed management and forest hydrology;
- analyse and document best practices and lessons learned from past and ongoing field projects on watershed management;
- promote in particular the forest hydrology component of the work programme by providing technical and institutional support to countries, expanding the field programme related to forests and water;
- support the European Forestry Commission Working Party on the Management of Mountain Watersheds to implement its expanded mandate;
- work in close collaboration with relevant institutions, on the awareness creation and increase of knowledge on the relationship between forests and water and the hydrological services of forests and watersheds as well as their role in providing safe drinking water, particularly in the context of climate change;
- participate in the development of training and capacity building material on watershed management and forest hydrology;
- contribute to the development of communication materials such as publications, newsletters, website updates, etc;
- support and participate, as appropriate, in international processes related to watershed management and forest hydrology;
- perform other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- University degree in forestry, watershed management or a related field
- Three years of relevant experience in forest hydrology and/or watershed management, including international experience and working experience in developing countries or countries in transition
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese or Russian

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent and relevance of experience in forest hydrology or watershed management
- Depth of knowledge and understanding of the relationship between forests and water
- Extent of relevant international working experience particularly in developing countries or countries in transition
- Quality of both oral and written communication skills
- Demonstrated ability to present analytical results in a concise manner

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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and complete the on-line application.

If you need help, or have queries, please contact: iRecruitment@fao.org

In order for your application to be properly evaluated, please ensure that all sections of the on-line application are completed.

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