

FAO Consultant on Forest Fire Management

Announcement of an 11 months' assignment at FAO HQ, Rome, from Jan 1st to Nov 30th, 2016

As part of FAO's work on the management of forest fires and disaster risk reduction (DRR) in forestry FAO is looking for a qualified consultant who will be responsible for implementing and technically supporting programmes and activities in the field of vegetation fire management and disaster risk reduction (DRR) in forestry, including coordination with member countries, other technical departments of FAO and sub-regional offices. The post is located in the Forest Assessment, Management and Conservation Division (FOM) of the FAO Forestry Department in Rome, Italy.

Under the overall guidance of the Director, FOM, and the direct supervision of the Team Leader of the Forest Resources Management Team, the incumbent will:

- Design, plan and implement normative activities in vegetation fire management, including the development of guidelines, best practices and training materials with special emphasis on community-based fire management.
- Support and promote global fire management cooperation, collect and advocate best practices, and promote the policy dialogue with global partners (e.g. UNISDR, UNECE).
- Coordinate the support of FAO's forestry department to FAO's post-disaster management activities, especially in Level 3 emergencies; lead the development of guidelines on the role of trees and forests in disaster risk reduction and resilience building of communities.
- Coordinate with and provide technical support to all technical departments and the core team of FAO's Strategic Objective 5 (Increase the resilience of livelihoods from disasters) to plan and implement all activities that are related to fire management, especially range management, climate smart agriculture and conservation agriculture.
- Provide support to regional and sub-regional colleagues by providing technical advice in the design and implementation of activities and projects at country level.
- Perform other related duties as required.

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Advanced university degree in forestry, forest resources management or a related field.
- Seven years of relevant experience in forest and/or other vegetation fire management in diverse land use types and ecosystems, including community-based fire management.
- Expertise and experience in strengthening the resilience of forest ecosystems and communities against disaster risks.
- Work experience in more than one location, particularly in field positions in developing countries.
- Knowledge and experience in analysing and evaluating fire issues in different countries and regions, especially in developing countries and countries in transition.
- Working knowledge of English and French or Spanish
- Knowledge and experience with FAO administrative procedures.

The remuneration for this assignment will be established on the basis of FAO's 'Guidelines on the Employment of International Consultants' commensurate with the level of professional expertise and experience of the selected candidate. The remuneration will include an appropriate monthly housing allowance. The assignment will start as of January 1st up to November 30th 2016.

Interested applicants should send a cover letter (max. 2 pages) and an updated CV (max. 3 pages) under the keyword 'Forest Fire Vacancy' to Mr. Walter Kollert (walter.kollert@fao.org) **no later than 10th November 2015, 24:00 hrs.** Only short-listed candidates will be notified and requested to fill a Personal Profile Form for FAO's iRecruitment system.