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## **Job Description**

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**Forestry Officer (Forest Fire Management)**

## **Job Posting**

30/Aug/2021

## **Closure Date**

20/Sep/2021, 11:59:00 PM

Organizational Unit: NFO

## **Job Type**

: Staff position

Type of Requisition: Professional

Grade Level: P-3

## **Primary Location**

Italy-Rome

Duration: Fixed term: 2 years with possibility of extension

Post Number: 1046527

CCOG Code: 1H06

- **FAO is committed to achieving workforce diversity in terms of gender, nationality, background and culture**
- **Qualified female applicants, qualified nationals of non-and under-represented member nations and person with disabilities are encouraged to apply**
- **Everyone who works for FAO is required to adhere to the highest standards of integrity and professional conduct, and to uphold our values. FAO has a zero-tolerance policy on conduct that is incompatible with the aims and objectives of the United Nations and FAO, including sexual exploitation and abuse, sexual harassment, abuse of authority and discrimination.**
- **All selected candidates will undergo rigorous reference and background checks**
- **All applications will be treated with the strictest confidentiality**
- **The incumbent may be re-assigned to different activities and/or duty stations depending on the evolving needs of the Organization.**

## **Organizational Setting**

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) supports the transformation to More efficient, inclusive, resilient and sustainable agri-food systems, for Better production, Better nutrition, a Better environment and a Better life, leaving no one behind.

The Forestry Division leads FAO's work in promoting sustainable forest management and providing leadership on the environmental, social and economic dimensions of forestry, including contributions of forests and trees to poverty reduction and food security and nutrition. Staff of the Division liaise 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 strengthening 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 post is located in the Climate Change and Resilience Team of the Forestry Division.

## **Reporting Lines**

The Forestry Officer reports to Senior Forestry Officer, Team Leader of the Climate Change and Resilience Team. S/he will work closely with members of the team and Division, the Decentralized Offices, other relevant FAO units and international forestry experts

## **Technical Focus**

Forest Fire Prevention and Management and Disaster Risk Reduction.

## **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 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 accordance with the FAO Corporate strategy.

## **Specific Functions**

- Provides comprehensive technical and policy expertise to support the planning, development and

implementation of Forestry Division programmes, projects, products and services that have fire management relevance or elements in accordance with Forestry Division objectives, the FAO Strategic Framework and Priority Programme Areas (BE1 ' Climate; BE2 ' Bioeconomy, BE3 ' Ecosystems, BL4 ' Emergencies, BL5 ' Resilience).

- Designs, plans and implements normative activities in forest fire risk reduction and management, and develops guidelines, best practices and training materials, including in respect of traditional, cultural and community-based fire management.
- Promotes and advises member countries on policies, strategies and methods of forest fire risk reduction and management in the context of FAO's Strategic Framework on resilience of livelihoods to disasters and crises, with a view to facilitating the contribution of forests and trees to improved livelihoods, rural development and food security.
- Supports and promotes global cooperation on forest fire risk reduction and management, collects and advocates best practices, and promote policy dialogue with global partners (e.g. UNDRR, UNECE).
- Plans, designs and implements programmes and activities in member countries for forest fire management, including project formulation, resource mobilization, and technical backstopping.
- Coordinates with and provides technical support to all relevant technical Divisions and the core team of FAO's Office of Emergencies and Resilience on increasing the resilience of livelihoods from disasters, to plan and implement activities related to forest fire risk reduction and management, including in the context of rangelands management, climate smart agriculture and conservation agriculture.
- Contributes to FAO's Global Forest Resources Assessment on fire-related aspects, as requested.
- Supports existing FAO fire management networks (North America, Near East and North Africa, Silva Mediterranea Working Group 1- Forest Fires), along with tropical forest fire initiatives in Latin America, Sub-Saharan Africa and Southeast Asia, and represents FAO in external networks (Expert Group on Forest Fires of the EU, International Wildland Fire Conference Liaison Committee).
- Performs other duties as required.

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## **CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING**

### **Minimum Requirements**

- Advanced university degree in forestry or other field related to forest fire management.
- Five years of relevant experience in fire management, forest resources management and conservation, including in developing countries and/or countries in transition.
- Working knowledge of English and limited knowledge of another FAO official language (Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian or Spanish)

### **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 of knowledge of forest fire risk reduction and management in diverse forest types and ecosystems

- Extent and relevance of experience in analysing technical and institutional/governance aspects and providing policy advice on forest fire risk reduction and management
- Extent and relevance of experience in fire and disaster risk reduction, including community-based approaches
- Extent and relevance of experience with remote sensing and GIS technology, or relevant global databases, for fire management
- Extent of exposure/experience on wider aspects of disaster risk reduction
- Ability to mobilize resources.

FAO staff are expected to adhere to FAO Values of Commitment to FAO, Respect for All and Integrity and Transparency.

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## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

- Extension of fixed term appointments is based on certification of performance and availability of funds
- FAO reserves the right not to make an appointment.

## **CONDITIONS OF SERVICE**

A competitive compensation and benefits package is offered. For information on UN salaries, allowances and benefits, click on the following

link: [http://www.un.org/Depts/OHRM/salaries\\_allowances/salary.htm](http://www.un.org/Depts/OHRM/salaries_allowances/salary.htm)

Other benefits, subject to eligibility, include:

- Dependency allowances
- Rental subsidy
- Education grant for children
- Home leave travel
- 30 working days of annual leave per year
- Pension fund entitlements under the UN Joint Staff Pension Fund
- International health insurance; optional life insurance
- Disability protection

FAO encourages a positive workplace culture to increase inclusivity and diversity within its workforce. FAO applies measures in which all staff members contribute equally and in full to the work and development of the Organization. This includes:

- elements of family-friendly policies
- flexible working arrangements
- standards of conduct.

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## **HOW TO APPLY**

- To apply, visit the recruitment website at [Jobs at FAO](#) and complete your online profile. We strongly recommend that your profile is accurate, complete and includes your employment records, academic qualifications and language skills.
- Candidates are requested to attach a letter of motivation to the online profile;

- Once your profile is completed, please apply and submit your application;
- Your application will be screened based on the information provided on your online profile;
- Please note that FAO only considers higher educational qualifications obtained from an institution accredited/recognized in the World Higher Education Database (WHED), a list updated by the International Association of Universities (IAU) / United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). The list can be accessed at <http://www.whed.net/>
- Candidates may be requested to provide performance assessments and authorization to conduct verification checks of past and present work, character, education, military and police records to ascertain any and all information which may be pertinent to the employment qualifications;
- Incomplete applications will not be considered;
- Only applications received through the FAO recruitment portal will be considered;
- We encourage applicants to submit the application well before the deadline date.

If you need help, or have queries, please contact: [Careers@fao.org](mailto:Careers@fao.org)