

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

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POSITION TITLE: Junior Professional Officer

(Urban/Peri-urban Forestry and Trees

Outside Forest)

ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: Forest Assessment, Management and

Conservation Division, FOM Forestry Department, FO

DUTY STATION: Rome, Italy

DURATION *: Fixed Term: 2 years

POST CODE/N°: unidentified

CCOG CODE: 1H06

GRADE LEVEL:

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 direct supervision of the Senior Forestry Officer/Team Leader, Forest Resources Management Team, and in close collaboration with the Forestry Officer, Agroforestry, Urban forestry and Trees outside Forest, the incumbent will support the implementation of programmes and activities in the field of urban and peri-urban forestry (UPF) and trees outside forest (TOF). The programme supports and promotes activities dealing with trees and forests in and around cities and in rural areas that respond to local, regional and global needs by: (i) enhancing the role of UPF and TOF in combating poverty; (ii) highlighting the contribution of UPF and TOF to provide food and other goods and vital ecosystem services; (iii) raising awareness of the crucial role of UPF and TOF in mitigating climate change effects at local level; (iv) emphasizing the contribution of UPF and TOF in making cities environmentally, economically and socially more resilient and sustainable; and, (iv) supporting the potential role of UPF and TOF in achieving social justice and the equitable governance in the urban-rural continuum. In particular, the incumbent will:

- promote and disseminate the global and regional UPF guidelines for policy and decision makers produced by FAO;
- support the development of further regional guidelines for policy and decision making on UPF and TOF (e.g. UPF guidelines for the Mediterranean region);
- participate in international meetings, seminars and workshops on matters related to UPF and TOF, as required;
- facilitate the development of methods and techniques for the assessment of TOF at sub-national, national and regional levels;
- liaise with other FAO departments and divisions and develop partnerships with institutions and agencies in order to promote programmes activities in the field of UPF and TOF;
- generate, compile and disseminate technical information, publications, guidelines and training course materials, including
 the maintenance of relevant thematic websites and their integration into related online networks;
- promote policies and actions oriented to the conservation, assessment, and sustainable maintenance of Trees Outside Forest:
- provide support to the FAO focal point of the Silva Mediterranea Working Group on Urban and Peri-urban Forestry (WG 7);
- perform other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- · Advanced university degree in forestry, environment, natural resources management or related fields
- One year of experience in urban and peri-urban forestry or a field related to the forest resources management, agroforestry or UPF and TOF
- 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:

- · Relevance of experience in urban and peri-urban forestry and trees outside forests issues, and in website management
- Ability to plan and organize own work, deliver results and meet deadlines
- Ability to work effectively within a team, supporting others, and fostering a positive team environment
- Commitment to continual improvement of knowledge, skills and abilities
- Excellent oral and written communication skills

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 candidature to be properly evaluated, please ensure to complete the on-line application in all sections.

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