

Job Title : SENIOR PROGRAMME OFFICER P5 FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE, P5
Department/ Office : UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME
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Org. Setting And Reporting

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) is the United Nations system's designated entity for addressing environmental issues at the global and regional level. Its mandate is to coordinate the Development of environmental policy consensus by keeping the global environment under review and bringing emerging issues to the attention of governments and the international community for action. UNEP's Division of Environmental Policy Implementation (DEPI) works with international and national Partners, providing technical assistance and advisory services for the implementation of environmental policy, and strengthening the environmental management capacity of developing countries and countries with economies in transition. This post is located in (DEPI), at the Nairobi duty station. Under the overall guidance of the Director, DEPI and the supervision of the Chief, Terrestrial Ecosystems Unit, the incumbent will perform the following functions:

Responsibilities

1. Development and implementation of UNEP's engagement with forests and climate change, especially : a) lead and support UNEP's contributions to the UN-REDD Programme; b) in this regard, lead and further develop UNEP's principal programmatic thrusts related to harnessing the multiple benefits of REDD+ and the opportunities of developing REDD+ as a catalyst of a green economy c) Facilitate partnerships for dialogue and implementation with, inter alia, forest experts from national and international organizations, including the Food Agricultural Organization, UN Framework Conventions on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the World Bank, UNDP, Center for International Forestry Research, World Agroforestry Centre and UN Forum on Forests; d) Coordinate UNEP's work on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation (REDD) in support of country's efforts and the continuing dialogue of the UNFCCC. e) Coordinate activities to facilitate development and implementation of the programme including the mobilization of resources, including initiating and/or assessing the viability of new projects and programme elements in the realm of forests and climate change and making recommendations to the Branch Coordinator and Division management; f) Coordinate the preparation of reports for presentation to senior management, governing councils and intergovernmental bodies ensuring quality of technical papers and follow up to

Senior Management Team decisions; g) Develop and advocate innovative concepts and tools designed to improve or re-orient implementation of UNEP's policy objectives with respect to forests and climate change; e) Lead, organize and/or participate in substantive discussions, meetings and conferences and represent the unit at international, regional or national meetings and provide programmatic and substantive expertise; h) Provide policy and programme guidance to Branch Coordinator and Division management to align unit activities with UNEP's overall mandates and strategic objectives; i) Report on the status of implementation of the work programme regularly as scheduled by the UN reporting requirements; . 2) a) Manage UNEP-REDD staff performance and ensure ongoing professional development, continued learning and the right mix of skills and competencies; under delegated authority from the Chief and the Branch Coordinator initiate and recommend approval of UNEP-REDD personnel actions; b) Guide and support UNEP-REDD professional and general service staff in meeting their objectives and outputs; foster teamwork and communication in the UNEP REDD Team and across organizational boundaries; c) Perform other duties as may be required.

Competencies

Professionalism: Demonstrated competence and mastery in forestry management/land management/biodiversity ecosystems and REDD+. The incumbent should be conscientious and efficient in meeting commitments, observing deadlines, achieving results and highly motivated professionally especially when faced with difficult problems and challenges. **Leadership:** Proactive in developing strategies to accomplish objectives and drive for change and improvement. Facilitate understanding of common objective and vision while delegating to empower others in their areas of expertise. **Communication:** Ability to communicate distinct organizational directions, maintain effective partnerships and collaborative working relations including the ability to present sensitive issues/positions, while upholding decisions that are in the organization's interest even if they are unpopular. **Judgment:** Discretion and sound judgment in applying expertise to complex and sensitive issues, with partners, stakeholders and staff under supervision.

Education

Advanced degree in a natural resources (Land, Forestry, Biodiversity) discipline is a requirement or a first university degree in a natural resources discipline and an appropriate combination of relevant professional experience in ecosystems management and elements that impact ecosystems.

Work Experience

At least 10 years of progressively responsible work in Land/Forestry/Biodiversity or ecosystem management/natural resources management including 5 years at the international level with at least 2 years in leadership and supervisory capacity managing performance for at least 5-10 professional/technical staff members. The incumbent should have experience in developing projects and raising funds for REDD+ and/or environmental programmes/projects.

Languages

English and French are the working languages of the United Nations Secretariat. For the

advertised post, fluency in oral and written English is required. Knowledge of French or Spanish is an advantage.

Assessment Method

Evaluation of qualified candidates for this position may include a substantive assessment which will be followed by a competency-based interview.

Special Notice

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United Nations Considerations

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