



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

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Deadline For Application:

Position Title:	Junior Professional Officer (Natural Resources and Climate Change)	Grade Level:	P-2
Organizational Unit:	Office of Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environment (OCB)	Duty Station:	Rome, Italy
		Duration *:	Fixed term – One year with possibility of extension
		Post Number:	
		CCOG Code:	

The length of appointment for internal FAO candidates will be established in accordance with applicable policies pertaining to the extension of appointments

- **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 Members and persons 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 FAO's values**
- **FAO, as a Specialized Agency of the United Nations, has a zero-tolerance policy for conduct that is incompatible with its status, objectives and mandate, 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**
- **FAO staff are subject to the authority of the Director-General, who may assign them to any of the activities or offices of the Organization.**

Organizational Setting

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) contributes to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda through the FAO Strategic Framework by supporting the transformation to MORE efficient, inclusive, resilient and sustainable agrifood systems, for better production, better nutrition, a better environment, and a better life, leaving no one behind.

FAO's commitment to environmental sustainability is integral to our strategic objectives and operations.

The Office of Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environment (OCB) works to ensure that countries and stakeholders respond to the challenges of climate change, biodiversity loss, and environmental degradation, keeping food and agriculture sustainability high on the agenda. OCB contributes to all FAO aspirations, focusing on how the work for a better environment can contribute to better production, better nutrition and better livelihoods, while promoting the integration of multidisciplinary and innovative approaches in the activities of the Organization, for the sustainable use, management and conservation of natural resources for food and agriculture. OCB assists member countries in their responses towards the challenge of climate change mitigation and adaptation, as well as the development of adaptive capacities of agriculture, fisheries and forestry for conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and other natural resources. It provides a coordination role on climate change, biodiversity and the environment. The Division also serves as a focal point to the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and Green Climate Fund (GCF) and providing support and guidance on Disaster and Risk Reduction issues. In addition, it works on support to the implementation of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and enabling member states to ensure mainstreaming of climate change concerns in agrifood policies, practices and approaches.

The Climate Change Team in OCB provides technical assistance, normative guidance and tools to build the institutional and technical capacity of FAO members to address climate change in agriculture, forestry and other land use (AFOLU) sector, in line with the FAO climate strategy and action plan. As such it hosts several programmes and projects funded by bilateral and multilateral climate funds, such as the Support Programme on Scaling up Climate Ambition on Land Use and Agriculture through NDCs and NAPs (SCALA), Strengthening National Adaptation Planning capacities for Food Security and Nutrition (SAGA) and the Food and Agriculture for Sustainable Transformation (FAST) Partnership.

The post is located in FAO Headquarters, Rome, Italy.

Reporting Lines

The Junior Professional Officer (Natural Resources and Climate Change) reports to the Natural Resources Officer in the Climate Change Team and works in close cooperation with relevant Officers in the FAO Regional/Country Offices and relevant FAO Headquarter Units.

Technical Focus

The Junior Professional Officer (Natural Resources and Climate Change) assists with the development and implementation of policy review and analyses, programme activities and in-country support related to climate change and the sustainable transformation of agrifood systems.

Key Results

Collection and analysis of information, data and statistics, knowledge material and project/meeting services to support programme projects, products and services.

Key Functions

- Collects and analyses relevant technical, social, economic, environmental, institutional and technology related information, data and/or statistics to support the delivery of programme projects as well as products and services.
- Undertakes analysis, provides technical input for plans and reports and edits/revises technical/scientific documents.
- Participates in the development of improved work methods, tools and systems.
- Updates databases and web pages.
- Participates in multidisciplinary project/work teams.
- Collaborates in the development of training tools and materials and the organization of workshops/seminars, etc.
- Participates in the organization, conduct and follow-up of meetings, consultations and conferences, the development/production of required materials and the provision of information and assistance to partners.

Specific Functions

- Supports FAO's implementation of the Strategy on Climate Change 2022–2031 and Action Plan 2022-2025.
- Supports the review of draft documents of policy instruments under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) shared with FAO for feedback on agrifood system integration, including National Adaptation Plans (NAPs), nationally determined contributions (NDCs) and Biannual Transparency Reports (BTRs) and linkages to National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs).
- Assists in analyzing submitted policy instruments under the UNFCCC, in particular NAPs and NDCs and linkages to NBSAPs
- Provides support in developing in-country capacity to formulate and implement NAPs and NDCs that integrate the sustainable transformation of agrifood systems and supports knowledge sharing as well as the production of publications and technical documents.
- Supports technical work including developing, writing, reviewing and editing reports, guidelines and publications on the integration of ecosystem- / nature-based adaptation into NAPs and NDCs ensuring alignment with goals under all three Rio Conventions in particular the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).
- Provides support to work linked to the Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA), in particular related to indicators relevant for agrifood systems and the formulation of Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) Systems linked to NDCs and NAPs.
- Assists with ensuring that up-to-date and relevant knowledge products and tools related to the UNFCCC processes (including material related to NAPs, NDCs and the GGA) are available at FAO's Climate Change Knowledge Hub.
- Supports improvement of available FAO tools providing country-support for NAP and NDC formulation and implementation and their linkages to NBSAPs, for example the Adaptation, Biodiversity and Carbon Mapping Tool (ABC-Map).
- Provides support to the organization of internal and external meetings and events, including consultations, training, capacity-building activities, multi-stakeholder dialogues and other technical and policy meetings.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in an area such as natural resource management, environment, climate change, agriculture, forestry, or related fields.
- Three years of relevant experience in climate change, sustainable agricultural and food systems context.
- Working knowledge (proficiency - level C) of English and intermediate knowledge (intermediate proficiency - level B) 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.
- Extent and relevance of experience in collecting and analyzing technical information and data.
- Extent and relevance of knowledge and experience in related fields such as climate change, forestry, fisheries and aquaculture management, blue economy, policy advice and analysis, food and nutrition security and food systems.
- Extent and relevance of experience in the preparation, editing and revision of technical/scientific documents and in

organizing meetings and workshops.

- Extent of knowledge and experience in global climate change processes (such as the UNFCCC).
- Extent and relevance of experience in establishing and maintaining partnerships with UN agencies, Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs) as well as donors and government institutions and agencies.
- Working Knowledge (proficient level C) of another official FAO language (Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian or Spanish would be an asset).

Please note that all candidates should adhere to *FAO Values of Commitment to FAO, Respect for All and Integrity and Transparency*.