

## Forestry Officer (FLEGT-ALA Facility Lead Expert)

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### Reporting Lines

The Forestry Officer (FLEGT-ALA Facility Lead Expert) reports to the Forestry Officer/EU Forest Governance and Value Chain Programme Manager, under the overall guidance of the Deputy Director of NFO, and works in close coordination with NFO Division and other FAO Teams and personnel dealing with supply chains, forests and climate change as well as national forest monitoring. The incumbent will work closely with Decentralized Offices and with other relevant FAO units.

### Technical Focus

Forest Governance, Timber Legality Assurance System (TLAS) development and implementation, Voluntary Partnership Agreements (VPAs), Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (FLEGT).

### Key Results

Comprehensive technical and policy expertise to support the planning, development and implementation of divisional programmes, projects, products and services in accordance with divisional objectives and the FAO Strategic Framework.

### Key Functions

- Plans and leads components of multidisciplinary teams; leads and/or participates in Organization-wide, cross-divisional committees, project teams and working groups and/or provides specialized expertise on technical networks and/or international technical policy and standard setting bodies.

- Develops technical, analytical, monitoring and reporting frameworks and related methodologies, tools, systems and databases, etc., to support the planning, implementation/delivery and monitoring of programmes of work, projects, products and/or services.
- Designs and conducts research, data collection, validation, analysis and/or reporting activities to support the development of technical standards, international instruments, innovative approaches and strategies, new tools, technologies, technical reports/publications and/or policy proposals as well as the provision of technical/policy/specialist/advice and expertise.
- Responds to country requests for technical and policy assistance; provides technical advice, assistance and solutions to Decentralized Offices as well as technical backstopping to field projects.
- Collaborates in, provides technical backstopping to and ensures the quality/effectiveness of capacity development and knowledge sharing activities within Member Nations such as policy support, organizational development and individual learning events including preparation of related information, learning materials and on-line tools.
- Promotes international cooperation/advocates best practices, increased policy dialogue and provides technical expertise at international/intergovernmental meetings.
- Participates in resource mobilization activities in accordance with the FAO Corporate Strategy.

### **Specific Functions**

- Oversees a team of experts supporting forest sector governance through the operationalization of the VPAs in target countries.
- Provides advisory services and backstopping to the TLAS development and implementation and efforts to improve forest governance, law enforcement and trade in accordance with FLEGT objectives.
- Supports the oversight and coordination of the implementation of one VPA, including support to the development and update of roadmaps in support of the VPA Joint Implementation Frameworks (JIF) and their formal and technical sessions, as needed.
- Provides technical advice which may lead to recommendations for regulatory revisions.
- Provides guidance and proposes solutions for the design, development, and deployment of TLAS elements, based on context and problem analyses, lessons learnt and international best practices.
- Supports stock takes and joint assessments to inform decision-making on critical issues in

FLEGT processes.

- Conducts analyses to identify FLEGT Licensing related problems and propose solutions for a functioning licensing scheme.
- Provides effective support to the implementation of the FLEGT-ALA Facility, including coordination of logistical and administration arrangements, monitoring of field project resources/progress and resolving outstanding operational problems, and advising and/or briefing technical officers on operational aspects.
- Provides demand-driven technical backstopping to targeted VPA countries towards improved forest governance, law enforcement and the trade of legal and sustainable timber and timber products and services.
- Leads the development of periodic progress and terminal reports for review by those units having technical, financial and operational responsibility, all for the eventual submission to the Programme Task Force (PTF), Programme Steering Committee (PSC) meetings and donors, as appropriate.
- Represents the FLEGT-ALA Facility in international meetings and in high-level regional and national meetings and undertakes missions as appropriate to monitor programme progress and takes corrective action, as required.
- Performs other related duties as required.

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

### **Minimum Requirements**

- Advanced university degree in forestry, natural resources management, international law, forest policies and economics or another relevant field.
- Seven years of relevant experience in legal and policy experience, including within relevant international organizations, on international environmental agreements, particularly related to Forest Law Enforcement, and EU forest policies.
- Working knowledge (proficient - level C) of English and limited knowledge (intermediate - 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, is desirable.
  - Work experience in one or more of the target countries is desirable.
  - Extent and relevance of experience in developing, operationalizing, and implementing forest sector assurance systems.
  - Extent and relevance of experience or knowledge of VPAs, FLEGT and relevant EU policy frameworks.
  - Extent and relevance of experience in working within public administrations and international organizations.
  - Extent and relevance of experience in programme/project formulation, analysis, planning and implementation.
  - Understanding of FAO policies and programmes is considered a strong asset.
  - Ability to provide competent advice in regard to financial actions, human resource processing, procurement, project cycle management and innovative solutions to complex operational problems.
  - Working knowledge (proficient - level C) of French and/or Spanish is desirable.
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Please note that all candidates should adhere to FAO Values of Commitment to FAO, Respect for All and Integrity and Transparency.

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**GENERAL INFORMATION** • FAO reserves the right not to make an appointment

- Extension of fixed term appointments is based on certification of performance and availability of funds
  - Appointment will be subject to certification that the candidate is medically fit for appointment, accreditation, any residency or visa requirements, and security clearances.
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**CONDITIONS OF SERVICE** A competitive compensation and benefits package is offered.

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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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