

Forestry Officer (FLEGT-ALA Facility, West Africa)

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Reporting Lines

The Forestry Officer (FLEGT-ALA Facility, West Africa) reports to the Forestry Officer (FLEGT-ALA Facility Lead Expert), under the overall guidance of the EU Forest Governance and Value Chain Programme Manager and 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

Research, technical analysis and project related services to support the delivery of programme projects, products and services.

Key Functions

- Researches and analyses 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 in multidisciplinary teams, and/or leads working groups/teams collaborates with other divisions 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 Members 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

In close collaboration with the European Commission's Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development Unit Environment, Sustainable Natural Resources (INTPA F2) as well as EU Delegations and stakeholders in VPA partner countries, the Forestry Officer (FLEGT-ALA Facility, West Africa):

- Supports forest sector governance through the operationalization of the VPAs in West-Africa, specifically in Ghana, Côte d'Ivoire and Liberia.
- Supports the development and update of roadmaps in support of the Joint Implementation Frameworks (JIF) and their formal and technical sessions in Ghana, Côte d'Ivoire and Liberia.
- Provides guidance and propose solutions for the design, development and deployment of TLAS elements in Ghana, Côte d'Ivoire and Liberia.
- Provides technical recommendations on projects implemented in support of FLEGT processes.
- Supports stock takes and joint assessments to inform decision-making on critical issues in FLEGT processes.
- Contributes to the Joint Implementation Committees (JICs) annual reporting.
- Supports bilateral dialogues between the EU and the partner countries, including JIC organization, and related multi-stakeholder dialogues as well as animates sub working groups.
- Conduct analyses to identify FLEGT Licensing related problems and propose solutions for a

functioning licensing scheme.

- Supports the FLEGT-ALA Facility Lead Expert with periodic progress and terminal reports for review by those units having technical, financial and operational responsibility.
- Represents, in consultation with the FLEGT-ALA Facility Lead Expert, the Facility in international meetings and in high-level regional and national meetings and undertakes missions as appropriate to monitor VPA progress.
- Performs other related duties as required.

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.
- Five years of relevant experience in forest policy, including within relevant international organizations, on international environmental agreements, particularly related to Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (FLEGT) 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.
- Work experience in West Africa locations is desirable.
- Extent and relevance of experience or knowledge VPAs, FLEGT and relevant EU policy frameworks.
- Extent and relevance of experience in developing, operationalizing, and implementing forest sector assurance systems.
- 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 is desirable.

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

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.

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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