



**Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations**

**Vacancy Announcement No: FAO/SRB/2018/005**

**Deadline: 16 February 2018**

**Job Title: Socio-economist**

**Project: GCP/SRB/002/GFF**

**Location: Belgrade, Serbia**

**Remuneration: Equivalent to UN Service Contract SB4/3**

**Expected Date of Assignment: ASAP**

**Duration: WAE 63 days in 12 months period (with possibility of extension over the project duration)**

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF TASK(S) AND OBJECTIVES TO BE ACHIEVED**

Background: Under the overall supervision of the Assistant Director General / Regional Representative for Europe and Central Asia (REU), the direct technical supervision of the Forestry Officer (REU) and Gender mainstreaming and social inclusion specialist (REU), day to day supervision of the National Project Coordinator and in close coordination with GEF National Project Director and National Project Coordinator, the Socio-economist works in close cooperation with the international Forest Management Expert and the national Forest Management Specialists.

The Socio-economist will carry out the following tasks:

- Collect and analyse information on socio-economic aspects of forests, with particular attention to the use of forests by local population (disaggregated by sex, age and any other relevant social determinants), and their access to forest extension services and information.
- Provide recommendations on how to mainstream socio-economic concerns into forest development plans (FPM) and legislation, including gender-responsive budgeting in the forest development programme.
- Develop training module on socio-economic issues in sustainable forest management (SFM) including gender mainstreaming and guidelines for communicating with formal and informal forest users on the sustainable use of forests (both women and men, and including vulnerable groups).
- Support the project team in the development of a monitoring and evaluation system (M&E) that is gender-responsive and socially inclusive.
- Perform an analysis of potential incentives for forest owners to implement SFM (fiscal incentives, ecosystem services, market access, certification schemes).
- Develop a draft action plan and policy recommendations to mainstream incentives for SFM for private forest owners into forest policy.
- Finalize documents based on observations in the validation phase.
- Perform other duties as required.

**Key competencies/qualifications and experience:**

- University degree in economics, sociology, policies, or other relevant social sciences;
- At least 8 years professional experience related to economics, policy and strategy development;
- Experience in social and gender analyses. Knowledge of social/gender issues in forestry or rural development is an asset;
- Experience in drafting strategy documents, preferably in the environment / forestry fields;
- Experience in working with private land owners in rural areas is an asset;
- Full working knowledge of Serbian and limited working capacity in English;

- Strong ability to work under pressure and against tight deadlines;
- Strong drafting and interpersonal skills, honesty, orientation on achievements.

**SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION:** Please submit a Letter of Interest and Curriculum Vitae by email quoting in the subject line **VA: FAO/SRB/2018/005** and send to:

**[FAO-RS@fao.org](mailto:FAO-RS@fao.org)**

Kindly note that this is a local position open to nationals of Serbia and to individuals who have a valid residence / work permit.

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**Only shortlisted candidates will be notified.**