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| **Job Title:**  | **Forestry Officer** |
| **Location:**  | Remote, Türkiye  |
| **Contract duration and type:** | Service and License Agreement, duration of 2 years with a possibility of renewal based on performance.  |
| **Travel:** | Frequent national travel and occasional international travel is required (up to 40%) |

**DRS is looking, on** behalf of our client, an INGO, for a **Forestry Officer** who will formally represent our client
in Türkiye and lead activities and projects in close cooperation with relevant local stakeholders from
the forestry sector, public, private, and NGO sectors. The Forestry Officer will be responsible for all forest-related issues and will act as a link between the Turkish Forestry Stakeholders, National Representation Türkiye, and our client*.*

**Main Roles and Responsibilities:**

* Be the local technical expert of the relevant standards such as the Forest Management Standard, Controlled Wood, etc.
* Be the point of contact for and provide technical guidance to certificate holders and entities seeking our client’s certification in Türkiye.
* Engage with relevant stakeholders, such as Forest Management Certificate Holders, Certification Bodies, etc. for the application of the relevant standards.
* Coordinate with the Policy and Standard Unit and support the developments of the Interim Forest Stewardship Standard and the Risk Assessment Türkiye.
* Develop the Forestry Strategy for Türkiye.
* Develop a database of local forestry and certification experts.
* Assess the impact of our client in forests in Türkiye and communicate this to target audiences.
* Coordinate the implementation of the Pesticides Policy to the national context.
* Represent the organization and support organizing relevant conferences and meetings.
* Attend and represent Türkiye in the international forestry forums, including the Forest Management Community, annual staff meetings, sub-regional meetings, webinars, etc.
* Engage in the development and revision of policies, standards, and procedures for Forest Management certification, ensuring that Turkish stakeholders are involved at the appropriate times.
* Oversee the integrity of the FM Certificate and engage and increase the capacity of CBs where necessary.
* Any other tasks as agreed with the National Representative.

**Qualifications, Experience, and Skills**

* Education and Training:
	+ University degree in forestry or an equivalent combination of education/vocational training and work experience relevant for the roles and responsibilities of this function.
* Working Experience, Style and Skills:
	+ At least 3 years of relevant professional experience.
	+ Sound understanding of the scope of our client’s programs and activities, policies, and standards.
	+ A practical understanding of forest management in Türkiye.
	+ Understanding of commercial forest product value chain needs and market forces.
	+ Good time management skills: ability to perform well while handling several functions simultaneously.
	+ Ability to work independently and achieve agreed objectives with little supervision.
	+ Service-oriented attitude to work, as well as a strong sense of diligence and accuracy.
* Language and Communication Skills:
	+ Fluency in Turkish (spoken and written)
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* Computer Skills – good skills in the use of/experience with:
	+ Good skills in the use of standard software packages (MS Office).
* **Communication Skills:**
	+ **Exemplary verbal and written communication skills.**
	+ **Respectful and friendly communication with internal and external stakeholders.**
	+ **Active listening skills.**
	+ **Strong analytical and problem-solving skills.**
	+ **Ability to facilitate interactive discussions.**
	+ **Proven ability to communicate and engage with a diverse range of people.**
	+ **Ability to establish and maintain positive interpersonal relations.**
* **Others:**
	+ **Ability to work in a multi-cultural, multi-lingual, global team.**
	+ **Demonstrated cultural awareness and sensitivity to the diversity of values, views, and approaches to issues relevant to the program by stakeholders around the world.**
	+ **Ability to represent the organization through his/her work with exemplary personal and professional authority and conduct.**

*The updated CVs in English should be submitted to* ***d.uzunashvili@developmentaid.org*** *under the title:* ***DRS 11679 Forestry Officer.*** *Due to the high number of applications received via the DevelopmentAid website, we can reply to shortlisted candidates only. Please note that the above requirements can be modified according to the client's procedures during the recruitment process.*