



Carlo Schmid Programme
for Internships in International Organisations and EU Institutions
Placement Offer 2024/2025
(Programme line B)

Reference No.: FA01
Department: Forestry Division
Keyword: Forestry
Location: Italy, Rome

Section A: General Information

Name of host organisation	Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations
Organisation's website	https://www.fao.org/home/en
Internship Coordinator and/or Focal Point	Ms Mami Wada
Supervisor	Malgorzata Buszko-Briggs
Second Supervisor	Theresa Loeffler

Section B: Placement Offer

Dates and duration of the internship	15.09.2024 - 14.03.2025, 6 months
Detailed description of the internship project(s); tasks assigned	<p>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.</p> <p>The Forestry Division leads FAO's work in promoting sustainable forest management and providing leadership on the environmental, social and economic dimensions of forestry, including its contributions to poverty reduction and food security and nutrition. It liaises with member countries, civil society and the private sector in aspects ranging from the development of effective forest policies to forest conservation and management issues and strengthens the role of forests in climate change mitigation and adaptation. The Division also provides services to increase the capacities of member countries in sustainable forest management.</p> <p>The Division provides secretariat services to the FAO Committee</p>



on Forestry (COFO) and supports six Regional Forestry Commissions and four technical statutory bodies. FAO is also the permanent Chair of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests and works closely with its secretariat of the UN Forum on Forests and other members of the Partnership.

Reporting Lines

Under the overall guidance from the Director of the Forestry Division, the Carlo-Schmid fellow reports to the Senior Forestry Officer, Team Leader Statutory Bodies, Collaborative Partnership on Forests, and Outreach. The incumbent will collaborate with relevant colleagues across work streams in FAO's Forestry Division as appropriate.

Technical Focus

The Carlo-Schmid fellow will contribute to forest policy and governance processes at the global and regional levels, especially on emerging forest policy issues and possible solutions, support intergovernmental negotiations at COFO and provide input to the relevant international events. The incumbent will also support the activities of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests in advocating for and implementing activities to halt deforestation, restore ecosystems, and manage forests sustainably.

Specific Functions

- Supports forest policy and governance processes, in particular FAO forestry governing and statutory bodies and FAO's contribution to forest-related negotiations at other international fora (e.g. UNFF, UNFCCC).
- Collects and analyzes relevant technical, social, economic, environmental, institutional and technology-related information, data, to bring evidence to the policy discussions, in particular on forest-related areas of interest such as sustainable forest management, bioeconomy, agriculture and forestry linkages, deforestation, the contribution of forests to climate change mitigation and adaptation, halting of loss of forest biodiversity, wood for energy and fuelwood, ecosystem restoration, forests and food security, forest finance, wildfires, traditional and indigenous forest-related knowledge, forests and innovation.
- Supports the leadership role of FAO in the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF), in particular by:
 - Supporting the Chair and CPF Members in advocacy, strengthening implementation, operational and fundraising/resource mobilization purposes;
 - Support CPF members to set up and implement Joint Initiatives;
 - Supports the preparation of communication pieces and issue briefs, as well as the organization of events, including background documentation and engagement of stakeholder groups, on the CPF priorities under the Global Forest Goals;
 - Supporting the contribution and participation of the CPF and its members in global events, in particular those organized by its members;
 - Supporting the maintenance and development of CPF knowledge management tools in particular the CPF website;
 - Supporting the organization of the Wangari Maathai Award and other communication and outreach



	<p>campaigns;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Monitoring developments in governing bodies of CPF member organizations and member organizations' mandates to contribute to the CPF work.
Training components and learning elements	<p>The incumbent will gain experience with interagency partnerships, and forestry intergovernmental bodies and negotiation processes. It is expected that the incumbent will develop a high level of individual responsibility with the backup of a team, they will receive support and guidance on their work, and are encouraged to develop/or take on their own projects.</p> <p>Exposure to international forest and environmental policies, policy processes and politics; and sustainable development within the framework of Agenda 2030 will be a part of the fellowship. Further, the candidate will develop knowledge of the working procedures of international organizations and the UN, cooperation with Member Nations and other forestry-relevant organisations.</p>
Participation in missions or training courses	<p>The fellow is encouraged to attend meetings and conferences related to responsibilities at the duty station. Participation in meetings held outside the duty station is subject to available resources, this may include missions to FAO Member Nations. The fellow will have access to FAO in-house training platforms and learning opportunities on a variety of career and skills development subjects.</p>

Section C: Required Qualifications

Academic background at least	Bachelor's graduate or equivalent
Enrollment duration of the internship	No
Subjects	University degree in forest resources management, environmental science, sustainable development, policy, international relations or a related field.
Language Skills	Working knowledge of English is required. Limited knowledge of one of the other FAO official languages (Arabic, Chinese French, Russian, and Spanish) would be an asset.
Computer literacy	Standard MS office applications.
Internship-related experiences	
Additional skills/requirements	<p>Competencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Results Focus • Teamwork • Communication • Building Effective Relationships • Knowledge Sharing and Continuous Improvement
Additional comments	