



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

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Deadline For Application: 19 March 2013

POSITION TITLE:	Legal Officer	GRADE LEVEL:	P-4
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Development Law Branch, LEGN	DUTY STATION:	Rome, Italy
	Legal and Ethics Office, LEG	DURATION *:	Fixed Term: 2 years
		POST CODE/N°:	0429538
		CCOG CODE:	1G02

Applications from qualified women as well as from qualified nationals of non-and under-represented member countries are encouraged
Persons with disabilities are equally encouraged to apply.
All applications will be treated with the strictest confidence

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the overall guidance of the Legal Counsel or the Chief, LEGA, as may be appropriate, and under overall supervision of the Chief, LEGN, the incumbent will:

- advise Member Governments on the legal and institutional aspects of the management and development of agriculture and natural resources;
- conduct and supervise the planning operation of field projects and the selection/supervision of consultants;
- conduct advisory missions involving the most complex, sensitive and novel legal issues in the area of agriculture and natural resources management and development;
- provide FAO technical divisions with advice, information and assistance on the legal and institutional aspects of the management and development of agriculture and natural resources;
- review legal frameworks and prepare recommended texts of laws, regulations and other legal instruments;
- carry out legal research;
- analyse, select and summarize legal texts for recording and publication;
- respond to requests for information on national and international law, relating to agriculture and the management and development of natural resources;
- participate as required in working groups, meetings, seminars and conferences;
- provide guidance to colleagues on the most complex legal issues, as required;
- perform other duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- University degree in law
- Seven years of relevant experience in legal work in the field of natural resources or development law
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese or Russian

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent of relevant knowledge and professional experience in natural resources legislation or development law (including forestry and land law), in particular in drafting legislative and regulatory instruments and/or legal documents
- Extent of experience in developing countries in legal and institutional matters, including in different legal systems
- Extent of knowledge of and relevance of experience in the administration of field projects
- Extent of communication skills both oral and written with proficiency in drafting and preparing legal work papers and reports in English
- Fluency also in French would be a strong asset
- Ability to conduct legal research, analyses and studies in the field of natural resources legislation or development law (including forestry and land law) and international environment law

Please note that all candidates should possess computer/word processing skills and should be capable of working with people of different national and cultural backgrounds.

** The length of appointment for internal FAO candidates will be established in accordance with applicable policies pertaining to the extension of appointments*

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and complete the on-line application

In order for your application to be properly evaluated, please ensure that all sections of the on-line application are completed.

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