



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

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Deadline For Application: **15 May 2013**

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| POSITION TITLE: | Legal Officer | GRADE LEVEL: | P-3 |
| | | DUTY STATION: | Rome |
| ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: | General Legal Affairs Branch, LEGA | DURATION *: | Fixed Term: 2 years |
| | Legal and Ethics Office, LEG | POST CODE/N°: | 0011959 |
| | | 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**

The incumbent may be re-assigned to different activities and/or duty stations depending on the evolving needs of the Organization.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Under overall guidance of the Legal Counsel and direct supervision of the Chief, LEGA, to provide legal support and undertake activities pertaining to the Organization's mandate in legal affairs. In particular, the incumbent will:

- provide advice on legal issues, including of a complex nature, on a routine basis in areas of public international law, including relating to natural resources management, and administrative law;
- carry out research with regard to any matter within the field of public international law, constitutional law and international agreements;
- assist in the preparation of legal opinions, reports, and communications on matters falling within the above areas of law, as well as subject of review by governing and statutory bodies of the Organization or required for meetings convened or serviced by the Organization;
- provide legal advice on a range of legal issues regarding the application and interpretation of FAO Basic Texts and international agreements concerning food and agriculture concluded under the auspices of FAO;
- review and provide legal advice related to legal questions arising in relation to matters related to contractual and other legal arrangements referred to the Legal Office for comments or clearance;
- review complaints lodged by staff members with the ILO Administrative Tribunal and prepare the pleadings for the Organization, analysing all background facts and documentation as well as applying legal reasoning and knowledge;
- perform other related duties as assigned.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- University Degree in law
- Five years of professional experience in legal work in international law and related legal matters
- 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 and relevance of knowledge and professional experience in relation to the duties, preferably in an international setting
- Extent of experience in drafting, reviewing and advising on legal texts and issues, including on matters involving considerable complexity, pertaining to the operation of FAO, its governing and statutory bodies and its Members
- Quality of oral and interpersonal communication skills
- Demonstrated ability to write clearly and concisely legal documents and to carry out legal analyses

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*

REMUNERATION

A competitive compensation and benefits package is offered. For information on UN salaries, allowances and benefits, click on the following link: <http://icsc.un.org/>

To apply: visit the iRecruitment website at

<http://www.fao.org/employment/irecruitment-access/en/>

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.

Please note that FAO staff members are international civil servants subject to the authority of the Director-General and may be assigned to any activities or office of the organization.

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