

Food and Agriculture Organizations of the United Nations (FAO)

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Legal Consultant Roster – Professional

Vacancy No. IRC2572

Deadline for Applications: 1 August 2014

FAO's vision is a world free of hunger and malnutrition where food and agriculture contributes to improving the living standards of all, especially the poorest, in an economically, socially and environmentally sustainable manner.

The Development Law Branch of FAO's Legal Office is dedicated to providing legal advisory services to governments on land, water, fisheries, plants, animals, food, forestry, wildlife and national parks and environment and biodiversity, as well as general agricultural issues (institutions, trade, economic reform). Working with the technical services of FAO, it helps governments prepare laws, regulations, agreements and other legal texts, advises on institutional structures and compliance with international law and implementation of non-binding commitments, such as the International Plant Protection Convention, Codex Alimentarius, Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries, Voluntary Guidelines to support the progressive realization of the right to adequate food in the context of national food security and the Voluntary Guidelines on the responsible governance of tenure of land, fisheries and forests in the context of national food security. It also undertakes capacity development activities related to implementation of international instruments.

Who are we looking for:

FAO is looking for individuals with education and experience in legal areas related to its mandate, of varying degrees of length of experience, to provide support and advice in the following areas of work:

- advise Member Governments on the legal and institutional aspects of the management and development of agriculture and natural resources;
- assist in the formulation, planning, operation and coordination of field projects as appropriate and the selection/supervision of consultants in relation to legal technical assistance activities;
- conduct advisory missions in the area of agriculture and natural resources management and governance;
- provide FAO technical divisions with advice, information and assistance on the legal and institutional aspects of the management and governance 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;
- perform other duties as required.

Applications from candidates with at least five years of experience in forestry, wildlife and related legislation are particularly welcome.

Candidates should meet the following general requirements:

- University degree in law;
- Advanced university degree in areas of law related to land, water, fisheries, plants, animals, food, forestry, wildlife, environment, biodiversity, tenure, governance or the right to food;
- Working knowledge of English as well as working knowledge of at least one other of the official languages of FAO (Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian or Spanish);
- Experience of legal and legislative analysis;
- Experience of legislation related to the following specialized areas would be an asset: agricultural production and trade; forestry, wildlife, the environment and biodiversity;
- Experience of legislative drafting, particularly for developing countries, would be an asset;
- Knowledge of binding and non-binding instruments adopted under the auspices of FAO would be an asset;
- Experience of working in developing countries would be an asset;
- Experience in working for an intergovernmental organization such as FAO would be an asset.

Candidates should meet the following general competencies:

- Ability to carry out legal research and analysis
- Ability to draft legal and technical reports in a clear and concise manner
- Ability to understand and analyze legislation from different legal systems
- Understanding of and sensitivity to gender issues in food and agriculture related fields
- Ability to work in cross-sectoral and cross-cultural environments
- Ability to work well in teams and independently
- Ability to supervise the technical work of others, in particular national legal consultants

Additional Information

FAO seeks gender, geographical and linguistic diversity in its staff and international consultants in order to best serve FAO Members in all regions.

All candidates should adhere to FAO values of Commitment to FAO, Respect for All and Integrity and Transparency.

All applications will be reviewed. Successful candidates will be notified of their inclusion on the LEGN Roster. Inclusion in the LEGN Roster is not a guarantee of selection for particular consultancies or posts within FAO. Candidates short listed for particular consultancies will be contacted directly by the Development Law Branch and will be invited to participate in an interview and/or assessment.

How to apply

All applications are to be made through FAO's [**iRecruitment**](#) system. Click on the link below to access [**iRecruitment**](#), complete your online profile and apply for this Call for Expression of Interest.

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

In order for your application to be properly evaluated, please ensure that all sections of your iRecruitment account are completed. Incomplete applications will not be evaluated.

If you need help, or have queries, please contact: [**iRecruitment@fao.org**](mailto:iRecruitment@fao.org)