



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

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Deadline For Application: 18 November 2016

POSITION TITLE:	Legal Officer	GRADE LEVEL:	P-3
		DUTY STATION:	Rome, Italy
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	GENERAL LEGAL AFFAIRS BRANCH, LEGA LEGAL AND ETHICS OFFICE, LEG	DURATION *:	Fixed term: two years
		POST NUMBER:	0011959
		CCOG CODE:	1.G.02

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

**Qualified female applicants and qualified nationals of non-and under-represented member countries are encouraged to apply.
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.

Organizational Setting

The Legal and Ethics Office, LEG ensures that the Organization's activities are carried out in accordance with its Constitution and the other Basic Texts of the Organization, in a manner consistent with its status as an inter-governmental organization of the United Nations system, and that its relationships with governments, organizations and individuals are on a sound legal basis.

The General Legal Affairs Service within the Legal and Ethics Office, LEG provides advice to the technical units of the Organization and its Governing Bodies on legal matters, including constitutional questions, the drafting of international treaties, the legal aspects of relations with the host government, with other governments and with international organizations, as well as specific legal aspects of personnel matters. It represents FAO in judicial proceedings and in settlements of disputes and, in particular, in handling the appeals cases before the competent administrative tribunals. It services the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (CCLM).

Reporting Lines

The Legal Officer reports to the Legal Counsel

Technical Focus

Public international law, law of international organizations/constitutional law, international administrative law and contract law;

Key Results

The provision of legal advice on questions pertaining to the Organization's mandate

Key Functions

- Plans and delivers services in designated legal field(s);
- Provides advice on various legal issues including on relevant aspects of public international law and international administrative law;
- Researches and analyses questions relating to public international law, constitutional law and international agreements;
- Drafts legal opinions, reports, and communications on matters falling within the above areas of law, as well as documents subject to review by governing and statutory bodies of the Organization or required for meetings convened or serviced by the Organization;
- Provides legal advice on issues regarding the application and interpretation of FAO Basic Texts and international agreements concerning food and agriculture concluded under the auspices of FAO;
- Reviews and provides legal advice on contractual and other legal instruments referred to the Legal Office for comment or clearance;
- Reviews complaints lodged by staff members with the ILO Administrative Tribunal and prepares the pleadings for the Organization, analysing all background facts and documentation as well as applying legal reasoning and knowledge;
- Leads short-term work groups and participates on Organization-wide committees and working groups as required;
- Performs other duties as required.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in Law
- Five years of relevant legal experience in public international law, law of international organizations/constitutional law, international administrative law and contract law

- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese, Russian

Competencies

- Results Focus
- Teamwork
- Communication
- Building Effective Relationships
- Knowledge Sharing and Continuous Improvement

Technical/Functional Skills

- Work experience in more than one location or area of work, particularly in field positions is desirable
- Extent and relevance of experience in public international law, law of international organizations/constitutional law, international administrative law and contract law preferably in an international setting
- Extent and relevance of experience in drafting, reviewing and advising on legal texts and issues, including on matters involving considerable complexity
- Extent and relevance of experience in provision of legal advice on questions pertaining to the operation of FAO, its governing and statutory bodies and its Members is desirable

Please note that all candidates should adhere to *FAO Values of Commitment to FAO, Respect for All and Integrity and Transparency*.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- All candidates should possess computer/word processing skills.
- Your application will be screened based on the information provided in your iRecruitment online profile (see “*How to Apply*”). We strongly recommend that you ensure that the information is accurate and complete including employment record, academic qualifications and language skills.
- Please note that FAO will only consider academic credentials or degrees obtained from an educational institution recognised in the IAU/UNESCO list.
- Other similar positions may be filled from this vacancy notice and the endorsed candidates will be considered for the Employment Roster for a period of 2 years.
- Candidates may be requested to provide performance assessments.

REMUNERATION

A competitive compensation and benefits package is offered. For information on UN salaries, allowances and benefits, click on the following link: http://www.un.org/Depts/OHRM/salaries_allowances/salary.htm

HOW TO APPLY

To apply, visit the iRecruitment website at <http://www.fao.org/employment/irecruitment-access/en/> and complete your online profile. Only applications received through iRecruitment will be considered.

Candidates are requested to attach a letter of motivation to the online profile.

Vacancies will be removed from iRecruitment at 23:59 Central European Time (CET) on the deadline for applications date. We encourage applicants to submit the application well before the deadline date.

If you need help, or have queries, please contact: iRecruitment@fao.org

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