

Vacancy No. LEG/268/12

Title	Chief, General Legal Affairs Service (LEGA)
Grade	D-1
Number	0011762
Duty Station Location	Rome, Italy
Summary of Duties and Functions	<p>The General Legal Affairs Service (LEGA) is responsible for the provision of general legal advice to technical units of the Organization, governing and statutory bodies on a wide range of legal matters. The Chief of LEGA assists the Legal Counsel by providing strategic and technical leadership for the work of LEGA, as well as of the Development Law Branch (LEGN) and the Administrative Law Branch (LEGP), and provides managerial oversight over the Legal Office's human and financial resources.</p> <p>Under the general guidance of the Legal Counsel, the Chief of LEGA, will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • assist the Legal Counsel in the overall management of the Office, consisting of the General Legal Affairs Service (LEGA), the Development Law Branch (LEGN) and the Administrative Law Branch (LEGP). S/he will monitor the implementation of legal services towards achievement of the divisional results, ensuring maintenance of high professional standards, effective work planning, programming and budgeting under the overall umbrella provided by FAO's Strategic Framework and biennial Programme of Work and Budget; • guide, supervise and evaluate the work of the staff of the Service, ensuring their professional development; • coordinate the provision of advice to the Director-General, technical and administrative departments and Governing Bodies of the Organization on legal matters, including relations with the host government and with other governments and international organizations; • ensure the preparation and follow-up, from the legal point of view, of international legal agreements at the global and regional levels, as well as provision of legal assistance in their implementations; • assist in the performance of depositary functions with respect to treaties for which the Director-General is the depositary. • represent the Organization in judicial proceedings and in settlements of disputes and, in particular, in the handling of cases before the International Labour Organization Administrative Tribunal; • advise the World Food Programme (WFP) on matters involving the immunity of the Programme and complaints filed by WFP staff before the International Labour Organization (ILO) Administrative Tribunal; • service the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (CCLM), in particular in the preparation of documents in cooperation with FAO technical divisions.
General Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University degree with professional qualification in law • Extensive progressively responsible professional legal practice in international law, administrative and employment law as well as legal issues relating to renewable natural resources legislation • Extensive experience in planning, managing and monitoring the implementation of legal services in an international organisation and related work programmes as well as providing budgetary oversight • Interpersonal and communication skills demonstrated in leading and working effectively with multidisciplinary teams of people of different national and cultural backgrounds in an international setting • Experience in providing legal advice to high-level decision-makers • Working knowledge of either English or French or Spanish and

	limited knowledge of any of the other two or Arabic, or Chinese or Russian
Managerial Competencies	Strategic vision: Capacity to develop a vision, mission and strategies and to focus on the needs of Member Countries and to adjust strategies to take account of changing circumstances. Managing people: Fosters team spirit through building trust and commitment to common objectives and recognising team successes. Result Orientation: Demonstrates an ability to manage programmes and projects efficiently under shifting priorities, in order to achieve targets. Partnering: Negotiates effectively with partners to enable successful outcomes for all stakeholders and actively supports inter-disciplinarity across FAO. Strong Communication Skills: Demonstrates a high level of communication skills in promoting the Organization's messages.
Remuneration	FAO adheres to the UN common system of salaries, allowances and benefits. General information regarding salaries and allowances can be found at the International Civil Service Commission Web site
How to apply	Applications should be submitted by 12 November 2012, using FAO Personal History Form to the Director, Office of Human Resources (OHR), FAO, Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, 00153, Rome, Italy or sent by e-mail to: Senior-vacancies@fao.org (An additional Curriculum Vitae and/ or cover letter may also be included as part of the application if desired)