



VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
LEGAL AFFAIRS (LA) PROGRAMME

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT NO:	VA 14/013/LA
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DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION	06 March 2014
TITLE AND GRADE:	Legal Officer, P-4
POST NUMBER:	FCA-2934-P4-003
DURATION OF APPOINTMENT:	One and a half years, with possibility of extension
DUTY STATION:	Bonn, Germany
EXPECTED DATE FOR ENTRY ON DUTY	As soon as possible

Background

The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) is the focus of the political process to address Climate Change. The Convention secretariat supports the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol by a range of activities, including substantive and organizational support to meetings of the Parties.

The Legal Officer position is located in the secretariat's Legal Affairs Programme which is accountable for the provision of legal advice and support with respect to the implementation of the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol, the operations of the secretariat, and the further development of the climate change regime. The incumbent reports to the Principal Legal Adviser and Coordinator of the Legal Affairs Programme. S/He is accountable for legal advice and support relating to the implementation of the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol and the development of new legal instruments thereunder as well as the operation of the compliance procedures and mechanisms of the Kyoto Protocol. The key results expected are:

- Support to the implementation of the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol and the development of new legal instruments thereunder;
- Technical leadership and advice in supporting the operations of the Compliance Committee of the Kyoto Protocol;
- Support to the intergovernmental processes.
- Representation and Knowledge Management

Responsibilities

Provides legal advice and support to the implementation of the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol and the development of new legal instruments thereunder. Activities include but are not limited to:

- Preparing legal opinions, briefs and analyses on diverse substantive, procedural and institutional issues concerning the interpretation and implementation of the provisions of the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol and any legal instruments adopted thereunder as well as the decisions adopted by the COP and the CMP
- Undertaking studies and analyses of key legal issues and elaborating legal options regarding the elements of new legal instruments;
- Analysing the legal implications of the adoption of new legal instruments on the existing climate change regime and recommending legal options for addressing them;
- Providing legal advice to Parties during negotiations regarding the formulation of legal texts;
- Monitoring developments in international law and relevant international forums and preparing legal briefs and analyses on their implications for the climate change regime;

- Liaising with the Depositary of the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol and with the UN Office of Legal Affairs on matters relating to Depositary functions, the development of treaties, and treaty law.

Serves as Lead Officer in supporting the facilitative branch of the Compliance Committee of the Kyoto Protocol. Activities include but are not limited to:

- Providing legal advice on diverse substantive and procedural questions concerning the work of the facilitative branch;
- Servicing meetings of the facilitative branch of the Compliance Committee, including preparation of background materials, summaries of issues and views, meeting reports, etc.;
- Preparing analyses of information contained in submissions by Parties with respect to compliance and by expert review teams;

Supports the intergovernmental process as it relates to the implementation of the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol and the development of related legal instruments as well as the work of the facilitative branch of the Compliance Committee. Activities include but are not limited to:

- Preparing analyses, reports and relevant documents for consideration by the COP, the CMP, the subsidiary bodies and the constituted bodies, preparing briefing notes, and servicing meetings.

Represents and supports the Programme's knowledge management function. Activities include but are not limited to:

- In partnership with the secretariat's Knowledge Management programme, contributing to the identification, creation, distribution and adoption of substantive data, information, insights and experience relating to the UNFCCC's mandate, processes, practices and lessons learned.
- Promoting outreach by participating in relevant meetings and workshops, both internal and external to the secretariat, to strengthen cooperation with other international and regional organizations, institutions and networks, as well as Parties

Requirements

Education: Advanced university degree in law with specialization in public international law and/or international environmental law. A first level university degree in combination with qualifying experience may be accepted in lieu of the advanced degree.

Experience: At least seven (7) years of relevant professional work experience. At least three (3) years of professional work in an international environment, preferably in a UN common system organization or a major intergovernmental organization, providing legal advice and support on the development and implementation of international treaties as well as supporting or participating in intergovernmental negotiation processes.

Specific professional knowledge: Demonstrated knowledge of treaty law and intergovernmental processes.

Job-related skills: Proven ability to analyse and provide solutions to complex legal issues; negotiation skills; strong analytical skills; and excellent drafting skills.

Language requirements: Fluency in oral and written English. Knowledge of a second UN language is an asset

To apply

Candidates whose qualifications and experience match the requirements for this position, should use the on-line application system available at <http://unfccc.int/secretariat/employment/recruitment>

Please note:

1. Qualified women candidates and candidates from developing countries are especially encouraged to apply.

2. Service is limited to the UNFCCC Secretariat.
3. We will confirm receipt of your application. However, only candidates under serious consideration and contacted for an interview will receive notice of the final outcome of the selection process.
4. Salary and allowances: US\$ 67,611 to 74,787 (without dependents)
US\$ 72,605 to 80,502 (with dependents)
(Plus variable post adjustment, currently 54.2% of net salary) plus
other UN benefits as described on the following webpage:

<https://unfccc.int/secretariat/employment/conditions-of-employment.html>