



Announcement for Fellowship

Legal Affairs (LA)

Deadline for application	Announcement number	Expected date for entry on duty	Duration of appointment	Duty Station
04 June 2018	18/FP06/LA	As soon as possible	One year with possibility of extension	Bonn, Germany

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The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) is the focus of the political process to address Climate Change. The UNFCCC secretariat supports the Convention, its Kyoto Protocol and the historic Paris Agreement through a range of activities, including substantive and organizational support to meetings of the Parties and the implementation of commitments. It is a dynamic organization working in a politically challenging environment to help resolve one of the defining environmental issues of our time.

Thanks to funding from the Government of Italy, the UNFCCC secretariat is launching the Capacity Award Programme to Advance Capabilities and Institutional Training in one Year (CAPACITY) as a new Fellowship Programme with the aim of developing capacity of negotiators and therefore increase the level of implementation of the Paris Agreement. The CAPACITY Fellowship Programme will contribute to building capacity for addressing climate change in Small Islands Developing States (SIDS) and Least Developed Countries (LDCs), through the development of local professional expertise by:

- Supporting innovative analytical work on climate change in the context of sustainable development;
- Promoting a network of experts who can bring creative and innovative options to bear on questions of climate change;
- Encouraging the leadership potential of young and promising professionals in their fields.

The Programme target group consists of mid-career professionals who are already in a government's employment and who are nationals of and working in a SIDS or LDC Party. While Fellowships are awarded to individuals, the need for development/training must occur within the context of the organization for which an applicant works. The training must help the organization to develop its capacity.

Where will you be working

The Legal Affairs Programme provides legal advice and support to the Convention and Protocol bodies, Parties and the secretariat so that the Convention, its Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement are implemented, and the associated intergovernmental process and the operations of the secretariat are conducted in accordance with legal, procedural and institutional requirements. It also facilitates the effective operation of the compliance mechanism in support of the environmental integrity of the Kyoto Protocol and the credibility of the market-based mechanisms.



What will you be doing

Expertise is sought to assist in clearing legal agreements, including review, negotiation and finalization of contracts necessary for the smooth operation of the climate change regime and to assist in serving the Compliance Committee of the UNFCCC. In particular, you will:

- Assist in servicing meetings of the enforcement branch of the Compliance Committee, including preparation of background materials, summaries of issues and views, meeting reports, etc.;
- Undertake the review, analysis and finalization of contracts, memoranda of understanding and other agreements;
- Prepare 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, the Paris Agreement and any legal instruments adopted thereunder as well as the decisions adopted by the COP, CMP and CMA;
- Identify, analyse and make recommendations to address legal issues pertaining to the existing climate change regime;
- Monitor developments in international law and relevant international forums and prepare legal briefs and analyses on their implications for the climate change regime;
- Handle any other tasks, as required by the issues that are brought before the Legal Affairs Programme for resolution.

What are we looking for

Educational background

Required: Master degree in legal studies, international law, environmental legislation or a related field. A combination of a first-level university degree and an additional two years of relevant work experience may also be accepted in lieu of an advanced degree.

Experience

Required: At least three years of experience in relevant fields of law including proven ability to analyse and provide solutions to complex legal issues. Experience in contractual/commercial law is an asset. Experience with procedural and legal support to intergovernmental processes and bodies is an asset.

Language skills

Required: Proficiency in written and spoken English.

Desired: Knowledge of another UN official language.



Others

1. The Fellowship Programme is open to individuals
 - a. Currently employed in a governmental organisation (national, regional, provincial or local) including educational institutions, research institutes and ministries.
 - b. Be a national of an eligible LDC or SIDS country.
2. The secretariat will consider candidates only from SIDS or LDC Parties with a view to ensuring gender balance in the selection of candidates.

What is the selection process

You may be invited for assessment of your technical/professional knowledge and/or an interview to assess the skills and aptitudes required to successfully perform the functions of the post.

At a certain point and as part of the selection further considered candidates will be requested to provide the following information:

- a. Obtain permission from their employer for leave of absence for the term of the Fellowship, and provide written certification that s/he will return to the Party's governmental institution for at least six months after her/his Fellowship;
- b. Obtain a written letter of intention by their employer that the new knowledge acquired during the fellowship will be integrated in the climate change activities of the government upon their return;
- c. Obtain written certification from their employer that the subject of the applied position is relevant to the needs of the releasing entity/organization.

How to apply:

Candidates from SIDS and LDCs, whose qualifications and experience match what we are looking for, should use the online application system available at <http://unfccc.int/secretariat/employment/recruitment>.

Please note:

1. This Programme is not intended for students, and does not provide financial support for an advanced degree, such as fieldwork for a PhD degree
2. We will confirm receipt of your application. However, only candidates who have been confirmed for an interview will receive notice of the outcome of the selection process.
3. The monthly stipend including allowances is US\$ 4,663
4. The UNFCCC Secretariat will organise the return trip to Bonn and pay a baggage allowance of up to USD 150 (one way)