

Job Description: Senior Legal Advisor

Background

WaterLex is an international public interest development organization based in Geneva, Switzerland. It is a UN-Water Partner with UN ECOSOC special consultative status. It is also an official member of the Global Water Partnership, UNDP Cap-Net, UNDP Global Water Solidarity, UNEP Global Wastewater Initiative, and the Swiss Water Partnership.

Its mission is to develop sustainable solutions based on human rights standards to improve water and sanitation governance worldwide, particularly regarding consistent water law and policy frameworks. It works with an alliance of interested parties to improve water-governance frameworks, bringing them in line with country obligations under international human rights law. The organization has a secretariat in Geneva with 15 staff members, a supervisory board of directors, and a large pool of members and expert advisors.

The International Secretariat (IS) is responsible for the implementation of WaterLex projects and the involvement of members and volunteers in the Organization. It also acts as the organization's focal point for external stakeholders.

Job Purpose

The Senior Legal Advisor role is to develop and manage legal aspects of WaterLex programmes supporting the Human Rights to Water and Sanitation

Responsibilities

The Senior Legal Advisor reports directly to the Director General

The Senior Legal Advisor is responsible for the following:

30% - Programme Management and expert advisor to legal research and legal reform projects, and the management of programmatic activities.

20% - Enhancing the Waterlex understanding of international human rights systems and its mechanisms (including the human rights council), and relevant international legal and political processes, providing recommendations on relevant draft papers, resolutions and concept notes for WaterLex.

20% - Manage the parliamentary programme at WaterLex, including liaison with the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), facilitating training workshops for parliamentarians and developing and testing resolutions at regional and national level.

15% - Development of new projects in legal research and reform, building on existing work, and contributing to proposal development in liaison with the Development Director.

15% - Technical support to other programmes in particular providing advice on legal component.

Qualifications

Education

University Law Degree, with specialisations in water law and human rights law.

Professional Experience

At least 7 years of experience in water governance and human rights related to economic, social and cultural rights.

At least 5 years of programme management experience, including proposal development and strategic thinking.

Experience with international organisations and/or inter-governmental processes. Stakeholder engagement with governments, and water governance and human rights actors.

Languages

Fluency in spoken and written English and French is a requirement. Knowledge of additional languages especially Spanish is considered an advantage.

Other details

This position is 100%, based in Geneva, and will require some international travel.

Start date is 1st July 2017.

The candidate needs to have the legal right to work in Switzerland.

TO APPLY:

Candidates interested in the role may send CVs and cover letters as follows:

Name of CV file should be in the format of **SLA_LAST NAME_FIRST NAME_CV**

Name of Cover Letter should be in the format of **SLA_LAST NAME_FIRST NAME_Cover Letter**

Please send a cover letter of not more than one page, with your CV, to Ms. Sharon Wallis at S.Wallis(at)waterlex.org before end of day 15 May 2017.

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted for an interview.