



Legal Advisor

Job Type: Full-time, fixed term contract with possibility of renewal

Location: Cape Town (Western Cape)

The Green Connection (GC) is an environmental and social justice organization, striving for eco justice, community empowerment and resource advocacy. GC is running a 'Who Stole Our Oceans' campaign, which aims to protect the ocean through opposing offshore oil and gas developments and informing coastal communities about the negative impacts of Operation Phakisa (specifically offshore oil and gas projects). The government's drive on oil and gas appears to raise similar concerns.

Job Summary

The Legal Advisor will support the organisation's mission by providing internal legal advice, conducting policy research, and engaging with communities and stakeholders.

Key Responsibilities

- Participate in the various workstreams providing legal input to outreach, advocacy and other programmes to assist with their operations.
- Legal Review and Analysis: Conduct legal reviews of media publications, internal newsletters, and external documents.
- Participate in interviews, webinars, and meetings to build and maintain relationships and capacity build civil society.
- Document Review and Drafting: Assist in reviewing and drafting legal documents.
- Compiling comments: Submit comments and appeals within the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process.
- Compile and submit comments on Bills and Policies as relevant to the Green Connection campaigns. Community Engagement: Provide legal empowerment to communities and assist them with EIA processes as well as helping them participate in parliamentary public participation processes.
- International Legal Developments: Monitor international legal developments, particularly in climate change litigation, and prepare internal briefings.
- Relationship Management: Maintain and build relationships with partner organisations and external lawyers.
- Assist external legal teams with management of court case process.
- Strategic Planning: Contribute to the development and implementation of the organization's legal strategy.
- Fieldwork: Travel to communities across South Africa to provide support and conduct research.

Requirements:

- LLB Degree
- Minimum of four years of work experience in the public interest/NGO sector
- Knowledge of court processes and the management of litigation

