



ACEDH

ALERTE CONGOLAISE POUR L'ENVIRONNEMENT
ET LES DROITS DE L'HOMME

Descriptions

As part of its African Climate Legal Fellowship Program supported by File foundation/ IREX a global development education organization, the ACEDH Intern Host Organization, is seeking to recruit "a **legal officer**" who will be assigned to the Executive Secretariat, the Legal and Climate Justice Department.

This role is part of the African Climate Legal Fellowship Programme (ACLFP), a pilot initiative to bring experienced lawyers to the environmental public interest sector in Africa and enable new talent to enter the public interest sector. In addition to their position at CRADESC, the fellows will be part of a broader cohort benefiting from mentorship, coaching and leadership development, training in environmental and climate change law and science, and a network of like-minded African lawyers. Travel to Africa for a kick-off meeting will also be necessary. IREX, a global nonprofit organization that has supported more than 50,000 fellows over 50 years, will implement the fellowship and provide ongoing support to you and your nonprofit.

The successful candidate will be responsible for supporting the legal and climate justice program in activities related to strategic litigation, legal assistance, analysis, design, drafting of acts and reports, planning of mobile courts, community audit session, community mobilization, support for studies and work plans for specific files related to legal issues, social safeguard, arguments, Advocacy Note and Legal Aid.

The Congolese Alert for the Environment and Human Rights (ACEDH) is a non-profit organization under Congolese law, with headquarters in Goma and Kitshanga in North Kivu, in the eastern part of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Created in 2008, *ACEDH dreams of a fairer world where people and their environment are put at the centre of all action and concern in governance*. It aims to safeguard human rights and the environment based on a community basis with thematic axes oriented towards the responsible and transparent governance of land tenure and fisheries, environmental justice, energy transition, climate litigation and other related strategic disputes. *established in Goma, Website: www.acedhrdc.org*

Wording	Description
Position Title and Rank or Consideration	Position: Legal Officer Grade: Legal Expert Researcher
Qualifications/Studies and Experience	Legal studies at least a Bachelor of Laws, preferably a Sworn Lawyer, with experience working with local communities facing emerging environmental, social issues/ Experience in legal or popular defense of public interests, mastery of the Congolese legal and social environment, have notions in environment or related fields. Fluency in conversational French and English is required.
Position Summary/Primary Responsibility	Under the responsibility of the Head of the Legal and Climate Justice Department, the Legal Officer will carry out the legal tasks of judicial support, research, analysis, support to hearings, consultation, legal assistance, training and planning in legal advocacy cases, climate litigation,

	administrative requests, summonses, study reports, hearings and other necessary tasks requested by ACEDH
Report	Green Lawyers Collective, Head of the Legal and Climate Justice Department, Programme Officer, Executive Secretary
Duration	1 year
Launch	October 2024
Offer Expiration	October 20, 2024
Specific responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in the construction of legal aid cases and strategies in key cases related to climate, local law and related strategic litigation; • Assist in legal and judicial support activities; • Conduct analyses of the legal framework, legal acts and procedures for the procurement of gas and oil blocks in the DRC; • Participate in hearings in environmental, environmental and conservation advocacy cases pending before courts and tribunals; • Produce a legal note on the respect of the principles of citizen participation, public consultation, transparency as set out in the DRC constitution, the law on fundamental principles related to environmental protection; • Contribute to analyses and studies around research work and social, economic, social studies and local rights in the areas of Lake Albert and Lake Kivu in the face of the risks of oil and gas exploitation; • Provide support for the production of a comparative analysis and proposals for administrative requests and summonses in cases of land eviction and environmental destruction; • Conduct legal studies on the impact of deforestation and biodiversity destruction in Virunga Park on food security and climate impact; • Produce legal notes and policy documents in cases in climate litigation related to the exploitation of critical and fossil minerals on conservation and local real and ancestral rights; • To help propose options for community restructuring and strengthening the legal autonomy of the communities of Idjwi, Pêcheurs, Virunga Goma Park and Lake Albert; • Contribute to the analysis of the Congolese legal framework, legitimate rights, access to information of public interest and opportunities to use the law to challenge the State and companies in the face of fossil fuels; • Participate in the research, analysis and production of data on the RUBAYA and others file; • Participate in field trips to research on issues related to the environment and local communities.
Required Profile	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Be of Congolese nationality or any other; ❖ Holder of a degree in law, environmental law or related field, either Bachelor's or PhD; ❖ Be willing to make more sacrifices and work with rural communities;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Have never been convicted or prosecuted, let alone suspected, for environmental offences, child trafficking and other organised crime; ❖ Knowledge of languages: French, knowledge of English and national languages is an asset; ❖ Be dynamic and flexible; ❖ Have a creative spirit; ❖ Know how to work under pressure and in a team; Proven competence in the judicial, environmental, land, management and programming fields; ❖ Be computer literate: Word, Excel, etc.
Key documents to be produced	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Reports, Court Motion, Subpoenas, Hearing Note, Pleadings, Analysis, Legal Analysis, Opinions, Briefs, Legal Notes.....
Recipients of these documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Lawyers, Justice, Local Partners, Civil Society, Businesses, Government, Donors, Local Communities, Civil Society Platforms, Customary Leaders, ...
Expected Strategic Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Harmony between actions and legality, ❖ Legal references and available deeds ❖ Studies and reports criticized ❖ Defined actions and orientations ❖ Improved capabilities ❖ A dissertation or articles with information on the climate situation and the efforts of published environmental movements ❖ A plan for duplicating the experiences and lessons developed

Done in Goma, August 12, 2024

The Executive Secretariat