

LEGAL OFFICER POSITION

JOB DESCRIPTION:

To manage public litigation at both national and international level. The officer will be required to undertake legal research and engage in advocacy in pursuit of AFIEGO's goal. Further, the officer will also support mobilization of resources through writing proposals for the legal department.

The role will be part of the African Climate Legal Fellowship Programme (ACLFP), a pilot initiative aimed at bringing experienced lawyers to the environmental public interest sector in Africa and providing pathways for new talent to enter the public interest sector. In addition to your position at AFIEGO, 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 likeminded lawyers in Africa. Travel within Africa for a launch convening will also be required. IREX, a global non-profit that has supported more than 50,000 Fellows over 50 years, will implement the fellowship and provide ongoing support to you and your non-profit organization.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Providing legal advice to AFIEGO and partners on cases already in court and others to be filed.
- Providing support to management on matters related to legal advocacy.
- Coordinating with external lawyers involved in AFIEGO's cases to ensure effective representation.
- Representing and defending AFIEGO in court and tribunals and other legal proceedings, draw up legal documents and advise on legal matters.
- Meeting and interviewing witnesses, advising on how to protect witnesses from intimidation, harassment, arrests and detentions-advising on civic space.
- Conducting legal aid clinics for communities.
- Engaging government and other institutions on legal reforms related to AFIEGO's work.
- Supporting the implementation of relevant policies and procedures to achieve AFIEGO's goal.
- Updating AFIEGO's staff and partners and on any legal and policy required advocacy.
- Undertaking legal research activities, collecting and recording data relevant to natural resources governance and AFIEGO programming for legal advocacy.
- Preparing legal research reports, producing legal articles, policy briefs, policy memos, information sheets on litigation and other related legal research products.
- Representing legal department to attend research and project meetings and taking record for the meetings.
- Preparing legal activity reports and project progress reports.
- Tracking delivery on litigation outputs and documenting and disseminating litigation impacts.
- Organising and managing litigation events including; media engagements, policy dialogues, research meetings, workshops and other meetings/conferences relating to legal.
- Preparing and ensuring timely submission of project narrative reports for legal projects and activities.
- Any other duties as may be assigned by the supervisor from time to time.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE:

- Practicing advocate with a valid practicing certificate.
- Any other relevant post graduate qualification and training in natural resources governance.

KEY COMPETENCES

- Competence and skills in undertaking legal research and analysis.
- Competence and skills in litigation.
- Good writing skills.

Ladies are encouraged to apply.

CONTRACT AND DURATION AND DUTY STATION

The contract duration shall be initially for one year with a possibility of renewal, subject to satisfactory performance and availability of funds. The Duty Station is Kampala.

NB. AFIEGO is a Ugandan incorporated company limited by guarantee for non-profit whose main objective is to promote good energy and environmental governance in Uganda and East African region at large.