

United Nations Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals

LEGAL OFFICER, P-4

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS	:	11 October 2017
DATE OF ISSUANCE	:	12 September 2017
OFFICE	:	Registry/Office of the President
LOCATION	:	Arusha
JOB OPENING NUMBER	:	17-LEG-RMT-85212-R-ARUSHA (R)

United Nations Core Values: Integrity, Professionalism, Respect for Diversity

Organizational Setting and Reporting:

This position is located in the Office of the President of the United Nations Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals (MICT) (Arusha Branch). The incumbent will work under the guidance of the President and will report to the Chef de Cabinet.

Responsibilities:

The Legal Officer is responsible for providing legal support with respect to the mandated residual functions, including drafting and reviewing orders and decisions; analyzing relevant law, rules and policies; advising the President on the issues and applicable law; and drafting reports, policies, speeches, correspondence and talking points. The incumbent will further support the President and Chef de Cabinet by assisting with the direction and management of the office, including helping to supervise the staff of the Office of the President.

Core Competencies:

- **Professionalism** – Strong organizational, drafting, and interpersonal skills; proven ability to conduct comprehensive legal analysis; proven ability to work well under pressure and meet strict guidelines. Knowledge of the UN system desirable; knowledge of international criminal justice systems highly desirable. Shows pride in work and in achievements; demonstrates professional competence and mastery of subject matter; is conscientious and efficient in meeting commitments, observing deadlines and achieving results; is motivated by professional rather than personal concerns; shows persistence when faced with difficult problems or challenges; remains calm in stressful situations.
- **Communication** – Speaks and writes clearly and effectively; listens to others, correctly interprets messages from others and responds appropriately; asks questions to clarify, and exhibits interest in having two way communication; tailors language, tone, style and format to match the audience; demonstrates openness in sharing information and keeping people informed.
- **Planning and Organising** – Develops clear goals that are consistent with agreed strategies; identifies priority activities and assignments; adjusts priorities as required; allocates appropriate amount of time and resources for completing work; foresees risks and allows for contingencies when planning; monitors and adjusts plans and actions as necessary; uses time efficiently.
- **Leadership** – Serves as a role model that other people want to follow; empowers others to translate vision into results; is proactive in developing strategies to accomplish objectives; establishes and maintains relationships with a broad range of people to understand needs and gain support; anticipates and resolves conflicts by pursuing mutually agreeable solutions; drives for change and improvement; does not accept the status quo; shows the courage to take unpopular stands.
- **Managing Performance** – Delegates the appropriate responsibility, accountability and decision-making authority; makes sure that roles, responsibilities and reporting lines are clear to each staff member; accurately judges the amount of time and resources needed to accomplish a task and matches task to skills; monitors progress against milestones and deadlines; regularly discusses performance and provides feedback and coaching to staff; encourages risk-taking and supports creativity and initiative; actively supports the development and career aspirations of staff; appraises performance fairly.

QUALIFICATIONS

Education:

Advanced university degree in law, preferably with specialization in international, criminal or humanitarian law. A first level university degree in law in combination with two additional years of qualifying experience may be accepted in lieu of an advanced university degree.

Work Experience:

Minimum of 7 years of progressively responsible professional legal experience, at either the national or international level, with experience in criminal law, international law or humanitarian law. Previous experience with the *ad hoc* Tribunals is highly desirable.

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Languages:

English and French are the working languages of the Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals. For the post advertised, fluency in oral and written English is required, and working knowledge of French is highly desirable.

Assessment Method:

There may be a technical test followed by a competency based interview.

Special Notice:

The appointment is limited to the Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals. Appointment of the successful candidate on this position will be limited to the initial funding of the post. Extension of the appointment is subject to the extension of the mandate and/or the availability of funds. As the international tribunals are not integrated in the Secretariat, UN Staff Members serve on assignment or secondment from their parent department/office if selected. Appointments of staff members in the United Nations are subject to the authority of the Secretary-General. Staff Members are expected to move periodically to new functions in accordance with established rules and procedures, and may in this context be reassigned by the Secretary-General throughout the Organization based on the changing needs and mandates.

NOTE FOR PREVIOUSLY ROSTERED CANDIDATES

Roster candidates must express their interest and availability for published job openings by submitting an updated PHP and cover letter.

No Fee:

THE UNITED NATIONS DOES NOT CHARGE A FEE AT ANY STAGE OF THE RECRUITMENT PROCESS (APPLICATION, INTERVIEW MEETING, PROCESSING, TRAINING OR ANY OTHER FEES). THE UNITED NATIONS DOES NOT CONCERN ITSELF WITH INFORMATION ON BANK ACCOUNTS.

United Nations Considerations

Candidates will be required to meet the requirements of Article 101, paragraph 3, of the Charter as well as the requirements of the position. The United Nations is committed to the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity for all its human resources, including but not limited to respect for international human rights and humanitarian law. Candidates may be subject to screening against these standards, including but not limited to whether they have committed, or are alleged to have committed criminal offences and/or violations of international human rights law and international humanitarian law.

The United Nations shall place no restrictions on the eligibility of men and women to participate in any capacity and under conditions of equality in its principal and subsidiary organs. (Charter of the United Nations - Chapter 3, article 8). The United Nations Secretariat is a non-smoking environment.

Applicants are urged to follow carefully all instructions available in the online recruitment platform, *inspira*. For more detailed guidance, applicants may refer to the At-a-Glance on "The Application Process" and the Instructional Manual for the Applicants, which can be accessed by clicking on "Manuals" hyper-link on the upper right side of *inspira* account-holder homepage.

Applications are pre-screened by the system according to the published requirements of the job opening on the basis of the information provided in the application. In relation to the requirements of the job opening, applicants must provide complete and accurate information pertaining to their qualifications, including their education, work experience, and language skills. Each applicant must bear in mind that submission of incomplete or inaccurate applications may render that applicant ineligible for consideration for the job opening. Initial screening and evaluation of applications will be conducted on the basis of the information submitted. Applications cannot be amended following submission. Candidates under serious consideration for selection will be subject to a reference-checking process to verify the information provided in the application.

Job openings advertised on the Careers Portal will be removed at midnight (New York time) on the deadline date.

HOW TO APPLY:

All applications must be submitted through the UN *inspira* portal. The Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals is not able to accept applications for this vacancy via email.

Internal applicants may go to <https://inspira.un.org>

External applicants may go to <https://careers.un.org>
