

## An Overview of the Office of the General Counsel (LEG)

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# Office of the General Counsel

## Who we are

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The Office is composed of 13 legal counsels, 6 legal assistants and employs also legal interns.


- LEG functions under the direction and overall supervision of the General Counsel who manages the legal counsels and legal assistants and ensures, amongst other things, the provision of legal services.
- Knowledge sharing: The General Counsel is part of the UN legal network as well as a legal network of General Counsels from IFIs. Legal counsels are also involved with other international organizations' legal networks.



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## What we do

- **The Office of the General Counsel (LEG) acts as the legal custodian of IFAD;**
- **Provides legal advice to IFAD's Management and Governing Bodies on a wide range of institutional and operational issues.**
- **Ensures that IFAD's activities and operations are consistent with its Basic Legal Documents and as appropriate, with the norms and principles of international law.**
- **Proposes new legal frameworks and instruments in response to new challenges facing the Organization in its capacity to respond to global events.**



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## What we do (continued)

### **Institutional Work**

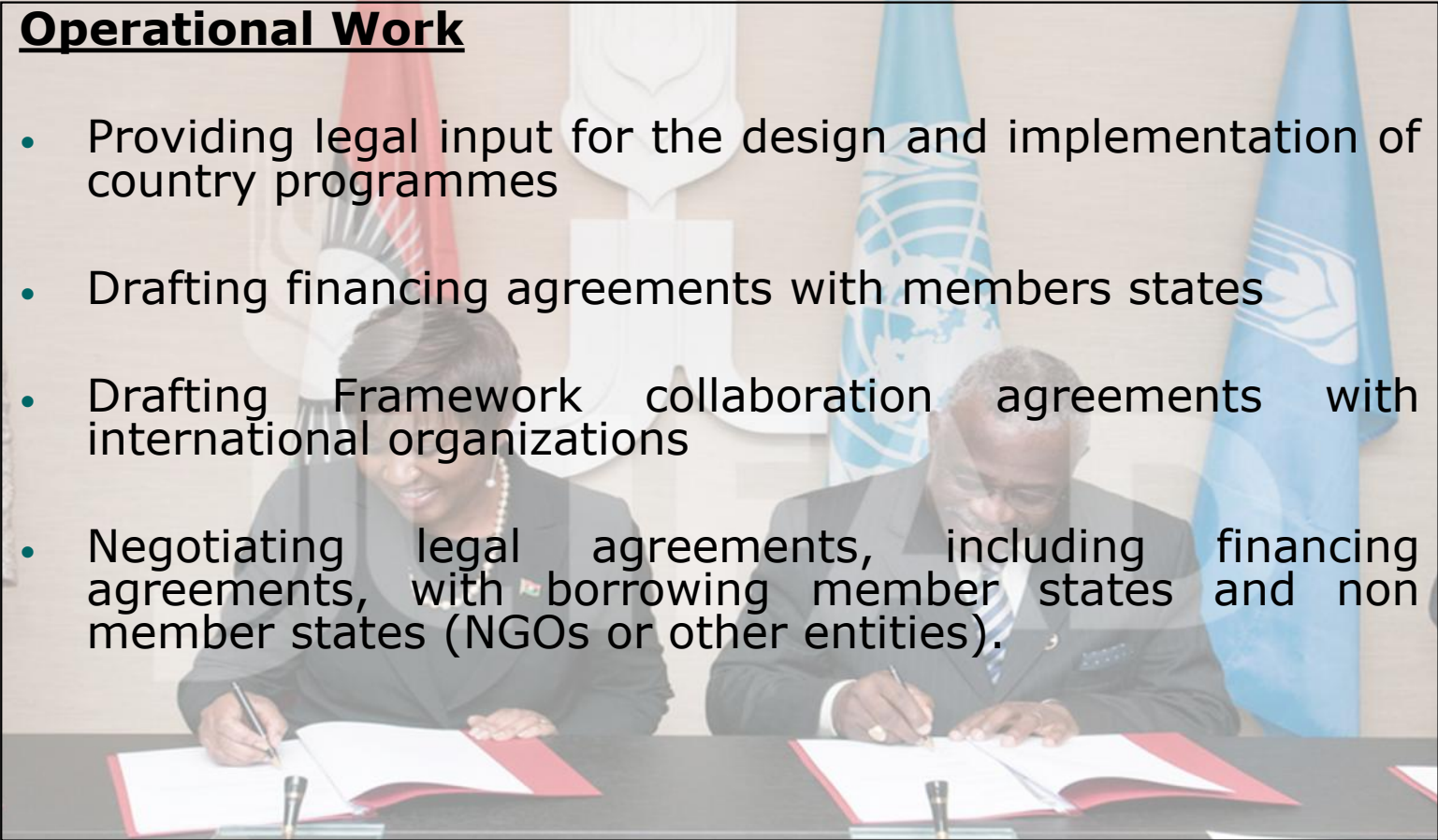
- Interpretation, implementation and periodic revision of IFAD's basic documents. Adapt to global events.
- Provide legal advice on the functioning of IFAD's governing bodies.
- Advise on the legal aspects of policy issues under consideration by IFAD's Management or Governing Bodies.
- Human resources, including represent IFAD in litigation cases.
- Investment portfolio of the fund.
- Procurement.
- Advise on issues in relation to Privileges and immunities of the Fund and its staff.
- Provide legal training to other divisions on legal issues and requirements.
- Monitor and keep up to date with the evolution of international law.


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## What we do (continued)

### **Operational Work**

- Providing legal input for the design and implementation of country programmes
- Drafting financing agreements with members states
- Drafting Framework collaboration agreements with international organizations
- Negotiating legal agreements, including financing agreements, with borrowing member states and non member states (NGOs or other entities).





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## What we do (continued)

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- Legal input on supervision of IFAD projects.
- Legal input in the implementation of IFAD country presence (Host Country Agreement, Service Level Agreement/Country office Agreement)



**THANK YOU!**