


Role of the Office of the General Counsel

Legal Compliance

The activities of the Office of the General Counsel (LEG) are to help ensure that all of IFAD's operations comply with the Agreement Establishing IFAD, public international law, the rules and procedures decided by the Governing Bodies and other obligations.

Service Priorities

LEG's service priorities are to safeguard IFAD's reputation and interests and contribute to and assist Governing Bodies as well as operational units to achieve corporate objectives through:

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- Legal support to operations in the design, implementation and supervision of country projects and programmes.
 - Advice on all aspects of financing, including replenishment and financial resources management.
 - Legal advice on all corporate functions, including managing litigious legal cases.
 - Help ensure good governance, including through advising Governing and Management bodies.
 - Support to Member States, including through promotion of sound principles and legal strategies in areas relevant to rural development and food security.
 - Promote innovative legal tools and services responsive to the organization's needs with a view to building up its capacity to respond to global world events.



Organization of LEG

- Legal division reports to the President.
- Legal division is headed by a General Counsel with the support of the Assistant General Counsel, ten other counsel and six legal assistants.
- The General Counsel is a member of the UN legal network as well as the legal network of General Counsel from International Financial Institutions.