



Legal Officer

About the *Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat*

The Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (Forum Secretariat) is the region's premier political and economic policy organisation, with a vision of helping to create a region of peace, harmony, security, social inclusion and prosperity, so that all Pacific people can lead free, healthy, and productive lives.

The international organisation works to achieve this vision by fostering cooperation between governments, collaboration with international agencies, and by representing the interests of its members - including directly engaging with community members in order to identify pressing needs of the region.

The work of the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS) is guided by the Framework for Pacific Regionalism (FPR) as: The expression of a common sense of identity and purpose, leading progressively to the sharing of institutions, resources, and markets, with the purpose of complimenting national efforts, overcoming common constraints, and embracing sustainable and inclusive development within Pacific countries and territories and for the Pacific region as a whole.

The FPR is underpinned by the Blue Pacific narrative, endorsed by Forum Leaders in Samoa in 2017, which calls for a long-term regional commitment to act as one "Blue Continent" as the means to achieve its development aspirations. The Leaders vision was that it would serve as the platform to reinforce and inspire the region in its shared stewardship of the Pacific Ocean, and to reaffirm the connections of Pacific peoples with their natural resources, environment, culture and livelihoods.

About the Opportunity

The *Forum Secretariat* is now looking for a full-time **Legal Officer** to join the team in Suva, Fiji. This role is to support the work of the Governance and Engagement team, by providing support to the International Legal Advisor (ILA) in the discharge of the duties and responsibilities associated with the Key Responsibility Areas (KRAs) assigned to the ILA.

Some key areas of responsibility will include (but will not be limited to) supporting the work of the International Legal Advisor in:

- Oceans (Maritime Boundaries, BBNJ and Law of the Sea and UN Processes);
- Nuclear Contamination and the South Pacific Nuclear Weapons Free Zone Treaty (Rarotonga Treaty); and
- Undertaking other delegated legislative duties.

The *Secretariat* is seeking a strategic and proficient individual who holds a Law degree (preferably postgraduate level or LLM) from a recognised institution with substantial experience. Candidate with demonstrated experience and knowledge and an awareness of regional and international legal issues relevant to the regional role of the Forum Secretariat would be an advantage.

About the Benefits

The appointment carries a competitive remuneration and benefits package including medical and life insurance. The starting salary will be in the range of **SDR 24,105 to SDR 34,214** per annum. At the 1 November 2019 exchange rate this salary range was equivalent to, **FJD72,540 to FJD102,961**. For non-Fijian nationals, this salary may be tax-free. To be eligible for this position, the applicant must be a national of a Forum member state or country*. Applicants must be willing to travel periodically via economy class.

Interested applicants are encouraged to apply through our website: www.forumsec.org where an information package containing the job description and remuneration details are also available. Candidates must include in either their application or Curriculum Vitae the full contact details of three referees. The Forum Secretariat is an Equal Opportunity Employer. **Deadline for applications is 5pm (Fiji time), 20 December 2019.**

* Member States of the Pacific Islands Forum: Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, French Polynesia, Kiribati, Nauru, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu.

