

Sandrine Friedli Cela joined the IUCN as Legal Adviser in January 2015 and is very pleased to contribute in her function to the achievement of the IUCN's mission. Prior to this assignment she worked for more than ten years as Legal Counsel in the public and private sector, including with the Swiss Railway Company, Cotecna Inspection, Tamedia Publications romandes and Medicines for Malaria Venture.

As Legal Adviser to the Union, she is based at IUCN Headquarters in Gland, Switzerland, and reports to the Director General. In her role, she is in charge of handling all legal issues affecting IUCN's global Secretariat and other statutory components of the Union. Among her major responsibilities, she provides legal support and advice on the negotiation/drafting of contracts and MOUs; on governance matters; on dispute resolution and the conduct of litigation, and on legal status and related issues arising in IUCN's relations with the Governments of host countries, the European Commission, the United Nations and other international organizations.

Sandrine holds a law degree from the University of Fribourg and an LL.M. in European and International Economic Law from the University of Lausanne, both in Switzerland. She also participated in student exchange programs in the United States, Germany and Italy.

Sandrine likes to travel and to discover other countries and cultures. She likes to work in a international and multicultural environment. She is fluent in French, German, English and Italian and would like to improve her basic knowledge in Spanish.