



About Peacekeeping

Peacekeeping is a calling that demands both personal dedication and sacrifice. But, service in the cause of peace offers real opportunities to help peoples and countries recover from conflict, rebuild their societies, and enjoy the benefits of peace. A career with peace operations in the United Nations offers opportunities to make a difference, both in the world and in your own life.

Working and living conditions in the field vary from one location to another. If you serve in a peacekeeping or political mission, or in a humanitarian field operation, the country or region that you work and live in is likely to be emerging from conflict or an emergency situation. This means that the conditions are more arduous; the infrastructure is weak and electricity and clean water are often in short supply. In addition, most peacekeeping, political or humanitarian missions are categorized as "non-family," which means that family members may not join the staff member at the location.



Gender

The UN has implemented various measures in order to attract and retain women in field operations, especially at the senior level. An example of such initiatives includes the Senior Women Talent Pipeline, which was launched in 2014 and aims to identify new talent in areas such as civil affairs, political affairs, public information and rule of law at Director-level (D1 and D2 positions). In order to respond to urgent operational needs, emphasis has been placed on French and Arabic speakers. This initiative was expanded in 2015 to include other fields of expertise such as supply chain management, service delivery or logistics.



Gender contd.

Qualified senior women who are interested in participating in this initiative are encouraged to express their interest by sending a detailed application to: talentpipeline@un.org

Other measures are being developed to continue supporting women who serve in field operations so that they are sufficiently equipped with the right tools to progress towards leadership positions. Key performance indicators for such measures are being closely monitored to ensure compliance and results.

More generally, the UN fosters gender equality and encourages applications from suitably qualified and experienced women across the full range of career opportunities particularly in the more "non-traditional" field careers such as Aviation, Logistics or Engineering.



Education

The criteria will vary depending on the particular responsibilities of the specialist role. An advanced university degree in the specialist subject is normally required or a first level university degree with a relevant combination of academic qualifications and experience may be accepted in lieu of the advanced university degree. Relevant working experience and fluency in English, French or other UN language is also required.



Career Opportunities

There are various career opportunities across 24 occupational groups as follows:

- Administration
- Aviation
- Civil Affairs
- Economic Affairs
- Electoral Affairs
- Engineering
- Finance
- Human Resources
- Human Rights
- Humanitarian Affairs
- Information Management
- Information Systems & Technology
- Legal Affairs
- Logistics
- Management & Programme Analysis
- Medical
- Political Affairs
- Procurement
- Programme Management
- Public Information
- Rule of Law
- Security
- Social Affairs
- Transport



Helpful Links

- careers.un.org
- inspira.un.org
- hr.un.org
- point.un.org

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Global Workforce

Over time, the United Nations has increased its presence in locations all over the world. There are over 130 field offices, which include peacekeeping and political missions and humanitarian field operations, and they play an essential role in identifying, highlighting, and responding to emerging challenges. While the work may vary greatly, the one unifying factor is the opportunity to make a difference, both in the world and in your own life. Together with its partners, the UN is tasked with a variety of responsibilities, such as providing and coordinating humanitarian assistance; promoting and protecting human rights; promoting the wise stewardship of the global environment; assisting countries to combat the supply of illicit drugs, crime and corruption and; providing information on the Organization and its activities in the various locations in which it operates.

Missions Directed by the Department of Peacekeeping Operations*



UN Field Careers

Before you navigate through the existing job opportunities available online, we strongly advise that you read carefully the description of each current UN operation through the links to the mission website.

Please apply for the positions that best match your expertise, qualifications, experience and aspirations. The necessary education background/training, experience and skills to perform a specific job are explained in the qualification section of each vacancy announcement.

If you are interested in working for Peacekeeping Operations, please send your resume to Outreachforpeace@un.org and write "WRUD4P" in the subject line of your email.

* Source: Map No. 4259 Rev. 20(E), Cartographic Section, Department of Field Support, UNITED NATIONS, April 2014

** political mission

Disclaimer: due to the mobile and dynamic nature of field careers, profilees may not necessarily feature in their current positions.

What are you doing for peace?

Field Personnel Division,
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I am proud and humbled to work in the field, where strong **teamwork is essential** to develop and implement practical solutions in the dynamic world of peace operations.



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