

Work for People and Planet

The **United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)** is the leading global environmental authority that sets the global environmental agenda, promotes the coherent implementation of the environmental dimension of sustainable development within the United Nations system, and serves as an authoritative advocate for the global environment.

We provide leadership and encourage partnership in caring for the environment by inspiring, informing and enabling nations and peoples to improve their quality of life without compromising that of future generations.



Our organization



- ◆ Is headquartered in Nairobi, Kenya.
- ◆ Is present in 40+ locations.
- ◆ Works in divisions; regional, liaison and out-posted offices (fields and duty stations outside of HQ); and have a growing network of collaborating centres of excellence.
- ◆ Hosts several international environmental conventions, secretariats and inter-agency coordinating bodies.

Our work

Contributing solutions to the triple planetary crises of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution through:

- ◆ Climate action
- ◆ Nature action
- ◆ Chemicals and Pollution action
- ◆ Environmental Governance
- ◆ Science-Policy
- ◆ Finance and Economic transformations
- ◆ Digital transformations.



Come Work with Us!

The work and educational areas we look for vary with each vacancy. See our most recent vacancies at [UNEP Careers](#) and check the [UN Job](#)

How to Work with Us

UNEP Professional Staff Minimum Requirements

- ◆ For professional levels, usually an advanced degree is required.
- ◆ First-level university degree with additional qualifying work experience may meet requirements.

Vacancies:

- ◆ [UNEP Careers](#): our current opportunities.

Submission of Application:

- ◆ [UNEP Careers on UN Inspira Portal](#): all applications must be submitted through Inspira.

Work experience for professional levels:

- ◆ P2: 2 to 5 years of work experience
- ◆ P3: 5 years of relevant experience
- ◆ P4: 7 years of relevant experience
- ◆ P5: 10 years of relevant experience
- ◆ D1: minimum 15 years of work experience
- ◆ D2: over 15 years of professional experience.

Internships at UNEP

- ◆ Can be done in various fields and duty stations.
- ◆ Are not remunerated.
- ◆ Must be enrolled in an undergraduate or postgraduate degree granting programme *or* recently graduated.
- ◆ Must have proof of enrollment from current academic institution *or* copy of your most recent degree.
- ◆ No prior work experience is required to apply for an internship.

Vacancies:

- ◆ [UNEP Careers](#): current opportunities including internships.

Submission of Application:

- ◆ [UNEP Careers on UN Inspira Portal](#): all applications must be submitted through Inspira.

What is a Junior Professional Officer (JPO)?

Vacancies:

- ◆ [UNEP Junior Professional Officer positions](#): for positions funded by Governments
- ◆ [UNEP Careers](#): some JPO opportunities are advertised.

Submission of Application:

- ◆ JPO applications must be submitted through the sponsoring Government's website.

- ◆ The Junior Professional Officer (JPO) Programme provides young professionals with hands-on experience as international staff.
- ◆ Funded by their respective Governments through trust fund arrangements, normally for 2-3 years, and receive benefits and entitlements.
- ◆ Applications for specific positions are submitted to UNEP through their respective governments.

What is a UN Volunteer?

- ◆ A UN Volunteer contributes time, skills and knowledge through volunteering with the United Nations and are placed across the UN system, nationally and internationally.
- ◆ Skilled working professionals who receive a Volunteer Living Allowance (VLA) and receive benefits and entitlements.
- ◆ A variety of work experience and education levels are required depending on the UNV type associated with the

Vacancies:

- ◆ [UNEP UN Volunteers](#) vacancies.

Submission of Application:

- ◆ UNV applications must be submitted through your own [UNV Roster Account](#).