



About Peacekeeping

Peacekeeping is a calling that demands both personal dedication and sacrifice. 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.

United Nations peace operations offer opportunities to make a difference, both in the world and in your own life. Working and living conditions in the field vary. 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 where 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” duty stations, and therefore family members are unable to join the staff member at the relevant location.



Public Information

The Public Information job family is responsible for communicating on behalf of the United Nations before the media, the general public and within the organization. Typical responsibilities include public information, outreach, media relations, strategic communications, production and digital media. There are also technical positions which include audio-visual production that provide various services including radio production, video production and photography.



Nature of our Work

Public Information professionals are responsible for developing the Organization’s integrated communications and public information strategies. They advise senior leadership on all matters of strategic communications relevant to its mandate; design and implement messaging, campaigns and coordinate closely with the different Departments and field missions to ensure harmonized internal and external communications.



Working in the Field

United Nations peacekeeping and political missions have evolved over time to respond to different conflicts and changing political landscapes. Civilian peacekeepers work inter alia as administrators and engineers, police officers and legal experts, economists and electoral observers, specialists in civil affairs and gender, experts in information technology and public information among other specialized functions. International positions have two categories, Professional and Higher and Field Service, which are distinguished by levels of responsibility as well as education and work experience requirements.



Gender

The United Nations 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

Public Information positions at the professional level require an advanced university degree (Master’s degree or equivalent) in Journalism, Communication, Broadcasting, or a related field. A first-level university degree with a combination of two additional years of qualifying experience may be accepted in lieu of the advanced university degree. For positions in the Field Service Category, a high school or equivalent diploma is required. Substantive training in the field of camera operation, broadcast media, sound and lighting, production, shooting and editing video film/video, are required. For Public Information, fluency in oral and written English or French is required.



Related Careers

There are various career opportunities related to Public Information, such as the following:

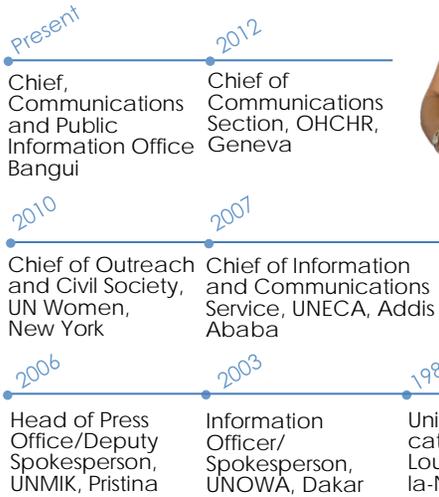
- **Public Information Officer**
- **Radio Producer**
- **Video Producer**
- **Webmaster / Web Editor**
- **Communication Officer**
- **Social Media Officer**
- **Media Relations Officer**
- **Public Affairs Officer**



Helpful Links

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

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** 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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As a Public Information Chief, I represent the face of the Mission, and through a unified team effort, we generate **public awareness, understanding and support** for peace operations wherever it's needed.

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