



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.



Information Management

The Information Management job family is part of the Information Systems and Communications Technology Job Network. Information Management includes various functional specialties including library sciences, knowledge management, and geospatial sciences and cartography. Typically, functional experts are deployed to support multiple missions in peace operations worldwide. They work closely with senior mission leadership and other key stakeholders throughout the mission to deliver relevant and timely information to support strategy development and implementation as well as maintaining operational efficiency.



Nature of our Work

Staff working in Information Management will have comprehensive knowledge of Information and Knowledge Management Systems. Functional experts deploy, operate and maintain various enterprise-level Information Management systems in support of peacekeeping operations, which are typically dynamic and physically demanding. Officer-level staff should have good analytical skills to conduct independent research and analysis. Additionally, Information Management experts should also be adept at producing reports on substantive issues, and to lead teams as required.



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 as administrators and engineers, police officers and legal experts, economists and electoral observers, specialists in civil affairs and gender, as well as 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

An advanced university degree (Master’s degree or equivalent) in Information Management, Library Sciences, Information Systems, Computer Science, Geography, Cartography, Geospatial Sciences, or related area is required for professional and higher level posts. A first-level university degree combined with two years of relevant experience may be accepted in lieu of the advanced university degree. For Field Service posts, a High School or equivalent diploma and a technical or vocational certificate field specified above are required. English and French are the working languages of the United Nations. Knowledge of a second official United Nations language is an advantage.



Related Careers

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

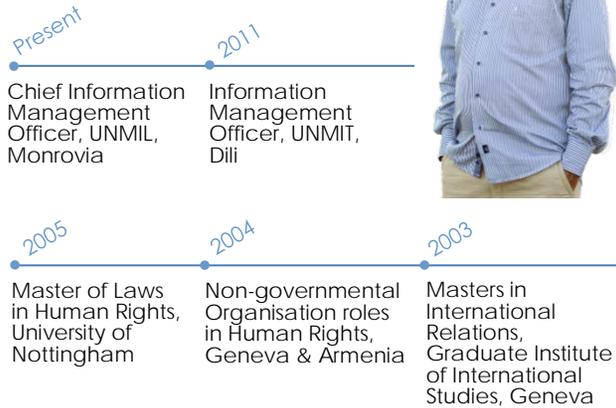
- Chief, Geospatial Information Systems
- Chief, Information Management
- Librarians
- Information and Knowledge Management Officers and Assistants



Helpful Links

- <http://careers.un.org>
- <https://inspira.un.org>
- <http://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?

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Working together
for a better world
is the essence of what we do in
peace operations.



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