



United Nations Secretariat

*Vacancy Announcement for Positions in the Department of Peace Operations
requiring official secondment from national governments of Member States of the United Nations Organization
Recruitment closure and onboarding of selected candidate is subject to budgetary availability*

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER(s)
DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS
POST TITLE AND LEVEL
DUTY STATION
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT

2025-SPC-75908-DPO and 2025-SPC-75917-DPO
9 March 2026
Police Reform Adviser, P-4
BRINDISI
DEPARTMENT OF PEACE OPERATIONS

CIRCULATION LIMITED TO MEMBER STATES. APPOINTMENTS ARE LIMITED TO SERVICE ON POSTS FINANCED BY THE SUPPORT ACCOUNT OF PEACE OPERATIONS.

United Nations Core Values: Inclusion, Integrity, Humility and Humanity

RESPONSIBILITIES: The incumbent shall provide assistance and support on a wide range of law enforcement reform matters with focus on strategic development and institution building including for host states with missions in transition as they pertain to support provided by and activities of the Standing Police Capacity (SPC). The Police Reform Adviser reports directly to the designated Team Leader of the SPC. The SPC is a part of the UN Police Division that supports the starting up of police components in new UN peace operations and/or special political missions as well as provides support and assistance to existing operations and partners on a continual basis. The incumbent is expected to deploy to peace operations for a period from 3 up to 6 months away from his/her duty station. In line with the decisions and guidelines of the Police Division and the Chief of the SPC, the incumbent provides a wide range of expert advisory support with focus on strategic development and institution building. S/he will provide assistance activities on law enforcement reform matters relevant to supporting new and existing police components in UN peace operations. When at SPC's duty station in Brindisi, the incumbent reviews respective UN Police operations from the perspective of supporting national law enforcement institutional development and capacity-building, identifying as required best practices in international policing. Particular focus is placed on ascertaining business management gaps in national law enforcement, wherein the SPC can be of assistance in filling, including deficiencies in strategic planning, organization and structure, human resources and skills development, asset management and use of technology. When deployed to the field, the incumbent works in close cooperation with UN Police and other international actors to address chronic business management gaps in local law enforcement that may include the identification of specific tasks upon which the SPC can channel and impart its expertise and know-how – programmatic, advisory or otherwise.

COMPETENCIES:

Professionalism: Wide knowledge of theories, concepts and approaches in the field of law enforcement relevant to democratic policing, community safety, capacity-building and development, civilian oversight mechanisms, human rights, gender mainstreaming etc.; good research, analytical and problem-solving skills; ability to identify and participate in the resolution of complex issues and problems; ability to provide sound advice and assistance to the UN Police as well as national police. Demonstrates professional competence and mastery of subject matter. Is conscientious and efficient in meeting commitments, observing deadlines and achieving results. Is motivated by professional rather than personal concerns. Shows persistence when faced with difficult problems or challenges. Remains calm in stressful situations. Takes responsibility for incorporating gender perspectives and ensuring the equal participation of women and men in all areas of work. **Planning and Organizing:** Develops clear goals that are consistent with agreed strategies; identifies priority activities and assignments; adjusts priorities as required; allocates appropriate amount of time and resources for completing work; foresees risks and allows for contingencies when planning; monitors and adjusts plans and actions as necessary; uses time efficiently. **Teamwork:** Works collaboratively with colleagues to achieve organizational goals; solicits input by genuinely valuing others' ideas and expertise; is willing to learn from others; places team agenda before personal agenda; supports and acts in accordance with final group decision, even when such decisions may not entirely reflect own position; shares credit for team accomplishments and accepts joint responsibility for team shortcomings.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Education: Advanced degree (Master's degree or equivalent) in the applied sciences, social sciences or relevant field. A first level university degree with a relevant combination of academic qualifications and experience in rule of law and police reform may be accepted in lieu of the advanced university degree. Graduation from a certified police academy or similar law enforcement training institution is required. **Work Experience:** A minimum of seven years (9 years in absence of advance degree) of progressively responsible experience in rule-of-law developmental matters, including experience in police reform, law enforcement development and capacity-building is required. Three-year experience of management and policy making is also required. **Rank:** The candidate must be in active service possessing the rank of at least Superintendent or Lt. Colonel, equivalent or higher rank. Experience in peacekeeping or other international experience in the UN or other similar organizations is required. Experience in the use of modern Internet-based research methodologies and sources is desired. **Languages:** English and French are the working languages of the UN Secretariat. For the post advertised, fluency in oral and written English is required. Knowledge of French is highly desirable.

Special Notice

Circulation of this Job Opening is limited to the Member States of the United Nations. Only police personnel who are currently employed in their national police service and who have received authorization from their respective national authority to apply for this Job Opening, will be considered.

Please note that during their secondment to the United Nations, police personnel are not eligible for reassignment or transfer to any other position within the Department of Peace Operations (DPO) or other parts of the UN Secretariat. Active-duty seconded personnel may serve under a UN Secretariat staff contract for a period of up to three years (cumulative), which, in exceptional cases, can be extended for a fourth and final year subject to operational needs and satisfactory performance. This service limit includes periods of any prior services with the United Nations as an active-duty seconded officer under a UN staff contract.

Candidates who have previously served as active-duty seconded personnel may reapply after a break in service of at least one year from their last secondment under a UN staff contract, subject to the contract limitation as indicated above.

Nominations of currently serving active-duty seconded police personnel on a UN staff contract will not be considered.

Candidates must meet all the requirements of the Job Opening at the time of nomination in order to be considered for the position.

Nominations of women candidates are strongly encouraged.