

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

2025-SPC-75924-DPKO

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS

9 March 2026

POST TITLE AND LEVEL

Community Policing (Reform) Officer, P-3

DUTY STATION

BRINDISI

ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT

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 Values: Inclusion, Integrity, Humility and Humanity

RESPONSIBILITIES: The incumbent reports directly to the Community Policing Officer in the Standing Police Capacity (SPC), while being under the overall supervision of a Team Leader. The SPC is a UN Police mechanism for starting up police components in UN peace operations as well as assisting existing operations on a continual basis. S/he assists in the development and implementation of community policing strategies and programmes within the terms of reference of respective SPC assignments. When required, a particular focus of the incumbent is made on isolating and supporting the linkages between community policing and the processes of disarmament, demobilization and reintegration of former combatants. The incumbent also assists other SPC members as directed in other law enforcement thematic areas outside of his/her own area of focus. When at headquarters, the incumbent provides community policing input into the SPC's pre-mission planning and preparatory activities, including undertaking analytical and technical reviews and surveys of community policing practices in UN peace operations. This work is done through the prism of developing various community policing strategies and programmes that the SPC can support once deployed on the ground, embracing an SPC Community Policing Framework. When in the field, the incumbent works closely with UN Police and other international and local rule of law development actors and assists local law enforcement with community policing activities, keeping in mind the strategic mission of UN Police which is to build institutional law enforcement capacity in post conflict environments. As such, the incumbent aims both in devising overarching strategies and providing technical recommendations on how local law enforcement can be supported in the community policing sector from the developmental perspective including organization, structure, training and resources required to support grass-roots level community policing.

COMPETENCIES:

Professionalism: Demonstrates professional competence and mastery of subject matter; is motivated by professional rather than personal concerns; knowledge of democratic policing, law enforcement, community safety and capacity-building; ability to remain calm in stressful situations, good research, analytical and problem-solving skills. Is conscientious and efficient in meeting commitments, observing deadlines and achieving results. 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 university 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 extensive experience in community policing may be accepted in lieu of the advanced university degree. Graduation from a certified police academy or other similar law enforcement training institution is required. **Work Experience:** A minimum of five years (seven years in absence of advanced university degree) of progressive responsible experience in law enforcement matters including community policing with a current rank of Chief Inspector or Major, other service equivalent or higher rank, is required. Experience in the use of modern Internet-based research methodologies and sources is required. Basic knowledge of the climate change and the security nexus is desirable. Peacekeeping or other international experience in the UN or other similar organizations is desirable. Peacekeeping or other international experience in the UN or other similar international organizations is desirable.

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.

Date of Issuance: 9 December 2025

Preference will be given to equally qualified women candidates

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.