

**The Secretary-General is pleased to announce the following job opening at the level of Under-Secretary-General:**

**Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission on Africa (ECA)**

Established by the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations in 1958 as one of the five regional commissions, ECA's mandate is to promote the economic and social development of its member States, foster intra-regional integration, and promote international cooperation for Africa's development. The Executive Secretary is accountable to the Secretary-General and is responsible for all the activities of ECA, as well as its administration. The Executive Secretary:

- Advises the Secretary-General on matters concerning economic and social development in Africa;
- Represents the Secretary-General on special assignments relating to economic and social policy issues concerning Africa;
- Acts as a focal point in the Secretariat on matters concerning Africa's economic and social development;
- Maintains close contact with representatives of member States and associate member States, as well as with other departments and offices of the United Nations Secretariat, the specialized agencies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations.

Further information on ECA is available in the Secretary-General's Bulletin ST/SGB/2005/12 and on the following website: <http://www.uneca.org/>

**In order to ensure a wide pool of candidates for this position, the Secretariat would welcome any applications to supplement the Secretary General's own search and consultations. The Secretariat would especially welcome applications of women candidates.**

The Secretary-General is seeking an individual with:

- Demonstrated extensive knowledge and/or experience of major economic and social development issues with a view to promoting policies and strategies for the development of Africa;
- Demonstrated experience working in partnership with national and international actors to create opportunities and solutions to major economic and social development issues in Africa;
- Demonstrated leadership experience with strategic vision and proven skills in managing complex organizations (such as an intergovernmental, international non-governmental or multinational private sector entities);
- Demonstrated ability to work harmoniously in a multi-cultural team and establish harmonious and effective working relationship both within and outside the organization.
- Ability to be a powerful and convincing advocate on all aspects of economic and social development issues in Africa and the broader sustainable development agenda, worldwide and within the United Nations system;
- High commitment to the values and guiding principles of the United Nations and familiarity with the United Nations system, including peacekeeping, human rights, humanitarian and development settings and challenges.

### ***Human rights screening***

Individuals who are either nominated by Member States or who seek to serve with the United Nations in any individual capacity will be required, if short-listed, to complete a self-attestation stating that they have not committed, been convicted of, nor prosecuted for, any criminal offence and have not been involved, by act or omission, in the commission of any violation of international human rights law or international humanitarian law.

### ***Conflicts of interest***

Short-listed individuals will also be required to complete the pre-appointment declaration of interests for senior positions to identify possible conflicts of interest that may arise and to proactively prevent and manage, as much as possible and in a timely manner, situations in which personal interests may conflict or appear to conflict with the interests of the United Nations, should the individual be appointed to this position.

**All applications should include the curriculum vitae of the candidates and must be sent to the Secretariat of the United Nations by Monday 13 February 2017. Applications may also be sent to [eosgapplications20171@un.org](mailto:eosgapplications20171@un.org)**