



The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) presents its compliments to all Permanent Missions to the United Nations in New York and has the honour to request the nominations of candidates for the position of Assistant Administrator and Director, Bureau of External Relations and Advocacy (BERA), UNDP at the Assistant Secretary-General (ASG) level.

UNDP is the UN's global development programme, advocating for change and connecting countries to knowledge, experience and resources to help build nations that can withstand crisis, and drive and sustain the kind of growth that improves the quality of life for everyone. UNDP works in nearly 170 countries and territories, helping to achieve the eradication of poverty, and the reduction of inequalities and exclusion. We help countries to develop policies, leadership skills, partnering abilities, institutional capabilities and build resilience in order to sustain development results.

Agenda 2030 remains at the centre of the UNs engagement, including in LDCs, crisis and fragile settings. Underpinning the agenda is the commitment to “Leave No One Behind”, with many of the most marginalized living in protracted crisis settings. As the lead UN development agency working on the sustainable development agenda, UNDP is central in supporting the UN development system, engaging at the global policy level and through its programmatic interventions.

Under the overall guidance of the Administrator and in coordination with the Executive Office, the Bureau of External Relations and Advocacy (BERA) is responsible to support UNDP's external relations, advocacy, resource mobilization and communication functions. The Bureau leads and supports the organization in cultivating, building and nurturing strategic relationships and alliances that are essential for advancing and successfully achieving the mission of UNDP. These relationships encompass a wide range and number of key constituencies and development partners, especially those related to resource mobilization and donor relations, intergovernmental affairs with member states, programme countries, existing and prospective donor countries/emerging economies, multilateral institutions such as the IFIs, the European Commission, civil society, the private sector, foundations, academia and think tanks, the wider UN system, and various UN inter-governmental bodies. BERA also supports the Organisation's external communications functions, interfacing with global, regional and national media.

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The Bureau coordinates and acts as a facilitator of information exchange, network building and dissemination of best practices throughout the UNDP in resource mobilization, intergovernmental and inter-agency affairs, and external communications. In addition to the Headquarters team, the Director, in coordination with the Executive Office, oversees UNDP's Representation Offices in major donor and partner capitals.

As well as leading the Bureau of External Relations and Advocacy, the Bureau Director is a member of UNDP's corporate leadership, the Executive Group, and contributes to shaping and monitoring overall corporate strategic directions. S/he directs and manages the overall work of the Bureau to contribute to the achievements of organizational priorities and achieve identified outcomes. The following scope and principal functions of the position include:

- Participates in UNDP's highest corporate level decision making body, the Executive Group, helping to identify and implement strategic directions for the organization as a whole;
- Manages the Bureau of External Relations and Advocacy, including Representation Offices and works collaboratively and collegiately across UNDP to achieve outcomes and results in line with UNDP's Strategic Plan;
- Develops, advises on and regularly updates UNDP's corporate resource mobilization strategy and supports UNDP's core and non-core resource mobilization efforts across Bureaux;
- Advises the Administrator on UN Inter-Agency Affairs, and supports UNDP's activities and initiatives to support UN Reform or on any strategic tasks as is necessary in coordination with the Executive Office;
- Manages and coordinates UNDP engagement in other inter-agency affairs and fora, representation at interagency meetings and UN inter-governmental fora, including the UN General Assembly (GA), the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), and related bodies, in coordination with the Executive Office;
- Coordinates and updates organization-wide partnership strategy development, maintains, tracks and advises on key organisational partnerships, including in relation to:
 - The wider UN system;
 - Relevant multilateral and international organizations;



- OECD/DAC;
- Strategic partnerships with emerging economies;
- Other groups including civil society, the private sector, foundations and think tanks; and
- Developing new, innovative partnerships.

The Director:

- Leads and supports a professional external communications function for the whole organization, develops and coordinates UNDP's medium term and annual external communications and branding strategy, and supports specific Bureaux communications and communication products;
- Represents UNDP in other international fora as appropriate;
- Leads by example and encourages excellence, professionalism, competence, integrity and ethics and values enshrined in the UN Charter;
- Guides, mentors and develops a team of senior managers in New York and Representation Offices;
- Oversees and is responsible for Bureau's operations in financial, human resources, procurement and general administration.

The Secretary-General is seeking an individual with:

- A strong record of progressively responsible, substantive and results achievement experience at the international level, including in development programming, resource mobilization and advocacy;



- Experience in interagency and international development co-operation, negotiation of partnerships, mobilization of resources and management of programmes. The candidates will have held leadership roles and demonstrated their ability to advocate for effective and innovative solutions;
- In-depth knowledge of the sustainable development agenda, managing related complex situations, interagency and international cooperation, negotiation of partnerships, mobilization of resources and /or management of programmes in a variety of geographical and political contexts with national, regional, international entities, including the ability to influence/advance dialogue and present such material at global and regional fora;
- Experience of the UN and/or other intergovernmental institutions and international entities;
- Advanced University degree in development-related disciplines, Economics, Law, International Relations, Rural Development, Public Policy, Business Administration, or other relevant disciplines.

Further information on UNDP is available on the following website: <http://www.undp.org/>
Interested candidates may submit their applications using the following link:
exo.cos@undp.org

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

Languages

English and French are the working languages of the United Nations. For this position, fluency in English is required. Proficiency in another United Nations official language is a distinct advantage.



Human Rights Screening

In accordance with the policy for the nomination of candidates, the Secretariat wishes to outline that it is the responsibility of the nominating Government to ensure that each candidate it nominates has not been convicted of, or is not currently under investigation or being prosecuted for, any criminal offence, or any violation of international human rights law or international humanitarian law. In the case of nominees who have been investigated for, charged with or prosecuted for any criminal offence but were not convicted, the nominating Government is requested to provide information regarding the investigation(s) or prosecutions concerned. The nominating Government is also requested to certify that it is not aware of any allegations against its nominated candidates that they have been involved, by act or omission, in the commission of any acts that amount to violations of international human rights law or international humanitarian law.

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

All United Nations staff members are expected to uphold the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity. Senior leaders in particular, have the responsibility to serve as role models in upholding the organization's ethical standards.

A conflict of interest occurs when, by act or omission, a staff member's personal interests interfere with the performance of his/her official duties and responsibilities, or call into question his/her integrity, independence and impartiality. Risk for conflicts of interest may arise from a staff member's engagement in outside (non-UN) employment or occupation; outside activities, including political activities; receipt of gifts, honours, awards, favours or remuneration from external (non-UN) sources; or personal investment. In particular, no staff member shall accept any honour, decoration, favour, gift or remuneration from any Government (staff regulation 1.2 (j)).



Where a real or perceived conflict of interest does arise, senior leaders are obligated to disclose this to the organization without delay. In order to avoid real or perceived family influence or preferential treatment and conflicts of interest that could stem from such situations, the UN Staff Rules provide that appointments “shall not be granted to anyone who is the father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister of a staff member” (staff rule 4.7 (a)).

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 nominations should include the curriculum vitae of the candidates with full contact information (e-mail and telephone) and must be received by **Friday, 21st June 2024.**

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Nominations may also be sent to **exo.cos@undp.org**

The United Nations Development Programme avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all Permanent Missions to the United Nations in New York the assurances of its highest consideration.

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