

Vacancy announcement

UN JPO Programme

JPO in Counterterrorism

United Nations

*Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate
(CTED)*



Closing date
6 August 2021
24:00 KST

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I General information

Title:	JPO in Counterterrorism
Sector of Assignment:	Legal Affairs
Country:	USA
Location (City):	New York
Agency:	United Nations Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED)
Duration of Assignment:	Initially one year with the possibility to extend for a 2 nd year
Grade:	P2 step 1 in the first year

Note: This position is open in the context of the Junior Professional Officer (JPO) scheme sponsored by the Government of the Republic of Korea and is addressed exclusively to candidates with the Korean citizenship.

For general information on the Korean JPO Program and additional conditions see the following website:
<https://UNrecruit.mofa.go.kr>

II Duties, Responsibilities and Output Expectations

The JPO is expected to perform the following functions:

- Analyze the status of implementation of UN Security Council resolutions 1373 (2001), 1624 (2005), 2178 (2014), 2322 (2016), 2395 (2017) and 2396 (2017) with respect to assigned Member States concerning the global fight against terrorism.
- Prepare detailed assessments and draft reports on thematic issues pertaining to the evolving nexus between terrorism and information and communications technologies (ICT), in particular the Internet and related emerging technologies, and the use of such technologies to commit terrorist acts, and to facilitate such acts through their use to incite, recruit, fund, or plan terrorist acts.
- Support the ICT team in identifying ICT-related issues where evaluated States require technical assistance and ensuring that technical assistance providers/donors provide follow-up assistance.
- Support the work of CTED's ICT team, including CTED's consultations with Member States, international, regional and subregional organizations, the private sector and civil society and CTED public-private partnership Tech Against Terrorism, in order to advise the CTC on further approaches.
- Participate in CTC visits to Member States to report on their compliance with relevant resolutions and make recommendations on subsequent follow-up actions to be taken.
- Promote and disseminate the guidance and good practices developed by the Counter-Terrorism Committee to Member States and other actors. Liaise with Member States, international and regional organizations on any technical and other assistance programs available that could facilitate implementation of relevant resolutions and the Committee's guidance.
- Assist in organizing CTED-sponsored regional workshops to bring together senior practitioners on implementing various aspects of resolutions 1373 (2001), 1624 (2005), 2178 (2014), 2322 (2016), 2395 (2017) and 2396 (2017).
- Assist in preparing presentations to the Counter-Terrorism Committee and/or other UN bodies.
- Represent CTED, as requested, at international conferences or meetings, as well as in coordination meetings with other UN counter-terrorism entities and other relevant bodies.
- Undertake any other duties as may be assigned.

III Training component: Learning elements and expectations

On completion of the assignment, the JPO will be able to:

- Understand the legal and policy aspects related to terrorists' exploitation of ICT, in particular the Internet and related emerging technologies.
- Understand the mandate and work procedures of CTED.
- Be familiar with international, regional and domestic legal instruments, especially those relating to counter-terrorism.
- Conduct research, including but not limited to: international, regional and domestic laws; organizations which operate in the field of counter-terrorism; general research issues related to all other aspects of work undertaken by the Directorate
- Draft memoranda, letters, reports and other documents as needed.
- Assist in the organizational and logistical activities of meetings of the Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee and its sub-committees, as well as regional and national workshops organized or co-organized by the Directorate.
- Prepare taking points or speeches for the Chair of the Committee, the Executive Director, etc.
- Correspond with international, regional and sub-regional organizations, as well as with Permanent Missions of Member States to the United Nations.
- Undertake other tasks as requested.

IV Supervision

Title of Supervisor:

Senior Legal Officer

Content and methodology of supervision:

Establishment of a Work Plan: During the first month of the assignment, the Junior Professional Officer (JPO) will work jointly with his/her direct supervisor to finalize his work plan. The final work plan will be discussed and mutually agreed between the JPO and his/her supervisor.

Evaluation:

The United Nations Performance Evaluation System (e-performance) will serve as a primary platform to evaluate the JPO's performance.

V Required Qualifications and Experience

Education:

Advanced university degree (Master's degree or equivalent) in law, political sciences or ICT policy related. A first level university degree in combination with qualifying experience may be accepted in lieu of the advanced university degree.

Work experience (incl. internships and volunteering):

A minimum of 2 years of progressively responsible experience in international law, ICT policy or related fields. An understanding of the UN's role in engaging Member States in the global fight against terrorism, including experience with Security Council resolutions 1373 (2001), 1624 (2005), 2178 (2014), 2322 (2016), 2395 (2017) and 2396 (2017) is desirable. One year of experience related to counter-terrorism is desirable. Experience related to ICT and social media platforms is also desirable

Languages:

English and French are the working languages of the United Nations. For this post, fluency in English (both oral and written) is required. Knowledge of another UN official language is desirable.

Other skills:

Good computer and research skills

UN competencies:

PROFESSIONALISM: Shows pride in work and in achievements; 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; Add indicator if necessary

COMMUNICATION: Speaks and writes clearly and effectively; Listens to others, correctly interprets messages from others and responds appropriately; Asks questions to clarify, and exhibits interest in having two-way communication; Tailors language, tone, style and format to match the audience; Demonstrates openness in sharing information and keeping people informed

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

Workforce Diversity

The United Nations believes that an inclusive culture attracts the best talent and encourages all qualified applicants, regardless of gender, disability, sexual orientation, cultural or religious backgrounds, to apply.

VI Background information on Agency/Department/Section

INTRODUCTION

Terrorists and terrorist groups exploit the Internet and social media not only to commit terrorist acts, but also to facilitate a wide range of terrorist activities, including incitement, radicalization, recruitment, training, planning, collection of information, communications, preparation, and financing.

In its work to address the abuse of information and communications technologies (ICT) by terrorists and terrorist groups, the Counter-Terrorism Committee is guided by several Security Council resolutions:

- Security Council resolution 1373 (2001) calls on all Member States to find ways to intensify and accelerate the exchange of operational information concerning the use of ICT by terrorist groups and to suppress terrorist recruitment.
- Security Council resolution 1624 (2005) calls for necessary and appropriate measures in accordance with Member States' obligations under international law to prohibit incitement to commit a terrorist act. The resolution also recognizes the importance of cooperative action by Member States aimed at preventing terrorists from exploiting sophisticated technology, communications, and resources to incite support for criminal acts.
- Security Council resolution 2129 (2013) notes the evolving nexus between terrorism and ICT, and directs the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED) to continue to address the use of ICT in terrorist activities, in consultation with Member States, international, regional, and subregional organizations, the private sector, and civil society, and to advise the Committee on further approaches.
- Security Council resolution 2178 (2014), on stemming the flow of foreign terrorist fighters (FTFs), calls on Member States to act cooperatively when taking national measures to prevent terrorists from exploiting technology, communications, and resources to incite support for terrorist acts.
- Security Council resolution 2322 (2016), on international judicial and law enforcement cooperation, stresses the importance of the collection and preservation of electronic evidence.
- Security Council resolution 2341 (2017), on the protection of critical infrastructure against terrorist attacks, directs the Committee, with the support of CTED, to examine Member States' efforts to protect critical infrastructure from terrorist attacks as relevant to the implementation of resolution 1373 (2001) with the aim of identifying good practices, gaps, and vulnerabilities in this field.
- Security Council resolution 2354 (2017), on countering terrorist narratives, stresses that Member States in implementing a "comprehensive international framework" should consider supporting efforts aimed at raising public awareness regarding counter-terrorist narratives through education and media, including through dedicated educational programmes to pre-empt youth acceptance of terrorist narratives. The resolution also directs the Committee to further develop initiatives to strengthen public-private partnerships in countering terrorist narratives.

- Security Council resolutions 2395 (2017) and 2396 (2017) stress the need for Member States to act cooperatively to prevent terrorists from exploiting ICT, as well as to continue voluntary cooperation with the private sector and civil society to develop and implement more effective means to counter the use of the Internet for terrorist purposes, including by developing counter-narratives and through technological solutions, while respecting human rights and fundamental freedoms and ensuring compliance with domestic and international law. These two resolutions also recognize the development of the Tech Against Terrorism (more below) initiative and its strategic partner, the Global Internet Forum to Counter Terrorism (GIFCT).

The related work of CTED is based on five pillars: (i) mainstreaming ICT in its assessment of Member States' implementation of resolutions 1373 (2001), 1624 (2005), and 2178 (2014); (ii) following legislative and other regulatory developments in this area; (iii) strengthening the preservation and use of digital evidence, as well as mutual legal assistance and multi-stakeholder collaboration in this regard; (iv) promoting counter-messaging efforts, including online; and (v) enhancing protective measures for critical infrastructure to minimize the risk of cyberattacks by terrorist groups

For additional information, please consult the following resources:

<http://www.un.org/sc/ctc> <http://www.techagainstterrorism.org>

VII General requirements for the JPO Programme of the Republic of Korea

- Korean citizenship
- Fluency in Korean and English language
- Completed advanced university degree (master's degree or equivalent). A bachelor's degree and an additional two years of work experience may be accepted in lieu of the advanced university degree.
- Not older than 32 years of age as of 31st December of 2021 (Born on or after Jan. 1 1989) (The maximum age limit for those who served in the military will be extended accordingly*)
- Male applicants shall have completed the Korean military service or be exempted from it.

* Age limit for male candidates who have completed military service:

- Less than one year will be extended for one year;
- one year above and two years under will be extended for two years;
- two years or more will be extended for three years.

* To be discharged from military service in the year of the application may apply

VIII How to apply

Applicants should submit their application electronically directly to the Organization.

All documents should be in English.

Candidates for this position apply **online** via the Online Application System (OAS)* portal link provided on <https://www.un.org/development/desa/jpo/vacancies/2021/06/jpo-programme-of-the-republic-of-korea/>

*Please also make sure to review the guidelines on [how to apply](#) in the Online Application System (OAS).

Applications must be received no later than **6 August 2021 (24:00 KST)**.

Applications received after this date will not be considered. Applicants will receive a confirmation of receipt.

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted thereafter.

IX Required application documents (only complete applications will be considered)

- The completed United Nations Personal History Profile with motivation letter (to be completed in the OAS interface)
- A scanned copy of applicant's Resident Register
- A copy of the university degree
- A certificate of English language proficiency. Applicants should submit a minimum of
 - (1) IBT TOEFL score of 100 (or PBT TOEFL 600 and above) or
 - (2) NEW TEPS score of 430 or
 - (3) IELTS 7 or (4) TOEIC 900
 (TOEFL 'MyBest Scores' are not accepted)

- Only for male applicants: A certificate of Korean Military Service. The maximum age limit for those who served in the military will be extended in accordance with the Support for Discharged Soldiers Act and the military service law.
- Only for low-income applicants: A scanned copy of applicant's certificate of National Basic Livelihood Security Recipients issued in Korean and its unofficial English translation
- Only for applicants with disability: A scanned copy of applicant's certificate of person with disability issued in Korean and English

[Please note that applicants can apply for **a maximum of two JPO positions** sponsored by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea during the year of application.]