

<h1>Vacancy announcement</h1>		
<h2>UN JPO Programme</h2>		
<h3>JPO in Transport Connectivity and Logistics</h3>		Closing date 18 May 2022 6 pm EST
<i>Junior Professional Officer (JPO), Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) / Transport Division (TD) / Transport Connectivity and Logistics Section (TCLS)</i>		
<u>Vacancy Announcement # 22P032</u>		
I General information		
Title:	JPO in Transport Connectivity and Logistics	
Sector of Assignment:	Economic Affairs, Sustainable Development	
Country:	Thailand	
Location (City):	Bangkok	
Agency:	United Nations Secretariat / Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) / Transport Division (TD) / Transport Connectivity and Logistics Section (TCLS)	
Duration of Assignment:	Initially 1 year (with possible extension for another year)	
Grade:	P2 step 1 in the first year	
Note: This post is opened in the context of the Junior Professional Officer (JPO) scheme sponsored by the United States of America and is addressed to persons with U.S. citizenship.		
II Duties, responsibilities and Output Expectations		
Within delegated authority, the Junior Professional Officer will be responsible for the following duties:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collect, evaluate, interpret, analyze socio-economic and qualitative information on major issues and regional trends in transport connectivity and logistics. Help identify global best practices in enhancing infrastructure and operational connectivity, as well as new information sources on sustainable transport development strategies and policies at regional, subregional, and national levels to facilitate enhancing integration of environmental, social and economic dimensions to achieve Sustainable Development Goals in the Asia-Pacific region. 		

- Assist in planning, organizing and servicing of regional intergovernmental conferences, expert group meetings, seminars and workshops relevant to the above subject, as well as undertake subsequent follow-ups and implementation of recommendations in the related field.
- Contribute to the strategic planning, formulation and implementation of the programme of work in transport and priorities of the Section towards the implementation of the new Regional Action Programme on Sustainable Transport Development (2022-2026), with a focus on transport connectivity and digitalization of transport.
- Assist in preparing briefing notes, inputs to speeches and similar materials on economic sector or sector issues in a form that is meaningful to non-specialists.
- Monitor, backstop and assess the implementation of technical cooperation programmes and projects.
- Undertake ad hoc tasks assigned by the Chief of the Section.

III Training component: Learning elements and expectations

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

- Familiarize with the region's unique challenges and approaches to achieve sustainable transport connectivity.
- Acquire skills to conduct analytical review on sustainable transport connectivity strategies and policies to facilitate enhancing integration of environmental, social and economic dimensions of sustainable development.
- Acquire a good understanding of UN working system.

IV Supervision

Title of Supervisor:

Chief of Transport Connectivity and Logistics Section (TCLS)

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 an agreed upon work plan. The final work plan will be discussed and mutually agreed to by the JPO and his/her supervisor.

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

V Required Qualifications and Experience

Education:

Advanced university degree (Master's degree or equivalent) in economics, engineering, transport, international law or related fields. A first-level university degree in combination with two additional years of qualifying experience may be accepted in lieu of the advanced university degree.

Working experience (incl. internships and volunteering):

While a minimum of 2 years work experience is required, for this specific position preference is given to candidates who possess 3 or more years of relevant work experience in transport and/or development, economic and policy analysis, and/or public administration or related area. Familiarity with transport challenges and policy implications in Asia and the Pacific is desirable.

Languages:

English and French are the working languages of the UN Secretariat. For this position, fluency in English is required. Knowledge of another UN official language is an advantage.

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; Good knowledge of and exposure to a range of human rights issues, good knowledge of institutional mandates, policies and guidelines related to human rights

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

PLANNING & 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

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

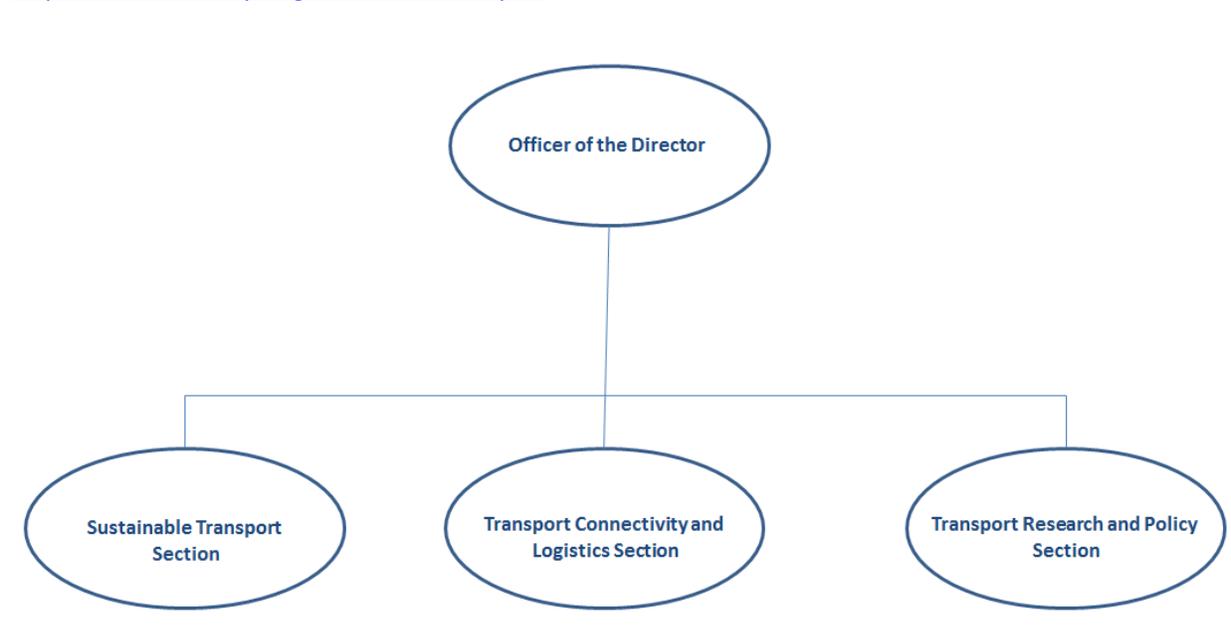
The mandate of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) is to promote sustainable and inclusive development and regional connectivity in the Asian and Pacific region. ESCAP's role as a regional development arm of the United Nations Secretariat is to support its membership with policy-oriented research and analysis, normative support and technical assistance and capacity building, to respond to the development priorities and changing needs of the Asian and Pacific region. Detailed information can be found through the website: <http://www.unescap.org> By supporting the development of an intermodal regional network, incorporating the Asian Highway network, the Trans-Asian Railway network and the network of Dry Ports, ESCAP works to strengthen connectivity, optimize the use of existing infrastructure and increase the level of integration between

the different transport modes.

While infrastructure development is a prerequisite for achieving regional connectivity, tackling non-physical barriers to cross-border and transit transport is also essential. To this end, ESCAP promotes the unhindered and safe movement of vehicles, goods and people across borders and through countries of the region through the establishment of regional facilitation frameworks, assistance in formulating and implementing facilitation agreements, development of models and standards, provision of facilitation tools and the harmonization of documentation and procedures. ESCAP also assists countries in developing transport logistics policies and in enhancing the quality of transport through improving the skills of logistics service providers and transport professionals.

The extensive enabling role of transport in achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is materialized with integrating economic, social and environmental pillars of sustainable development into transport connectivity agenda in a balanced manner which can be achieved through an integrated intermodal transport and logistics system. The integrated intermodal transport and logistics system is a transport system that optimizes the needs of transporting goods and passengers; minimizes consumption of energy, land and other resources; generates low emissions of greenhouse gases, ozone depleting substances and other pollutants; and minimizes the adverse social impacts arising from transport operations. In addition to regional transport infrastructure development and transport facilitation efforts, to achieve SDGs 1, 2, 3 and 11, ESCAP promotes transport policies to achieve safe, affordable, and accessible passenger and freight transport systems for both urban and rural communities. ESCAP supports member States in strengthening their capacities to move towards more sustainable and inclusive transport, with focus on the road safety, urban mobility, better rural connectivity and intelligent transport systems for all, including the poor and the vulnerable communities. Whilst transport remains a main driver of economic growth, it is also a major contributor to carbon dioxide emissions and air pollution in the region. ESCAP supports member States in their efforts to achieve SDGs 11 and 13 based on the environmental and social comparative advantages of various transport modes. For more information, please refer to website:

<http://www.unescap.org/our-work/transport>



VII How to apply

Applicants should submit their application electronically directly to the Organization.

Candidates who would like to apply should do so **online** via

<https://owa.undesa.it/oas/oas.aspx?CMD=START&CP=11>

Applications must be received no later than **18 May 2022, 6.00 pm (Eastern Time UTC-5, New York USA)**. Applications received after this date will not be considered. Applicants will receive a confirmation of receipt.

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted thereafter.