

**The Secretary-General is pleased to announce the following job opening:**

**Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)**

The overall objective of the Department is to promote and support international cooperation in the pursuit of sustainable development for all.

Under the guidance of the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, the functions of the Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development include:

- Serving as the principal economic adviser to the Secretary-General in support of the Under-Secretary-General's responsibilities for:
  - The executive direction of the Department in the area of sustainable development;
  - The provision of economic advice to the Secretary-General and the relevant intergovernmental bodies.
- Coordinating the statistical, demographic and macroeconomic data gathering and analysis work of the Department;
- Leading and coordinating the research and analysis work of the Department, including its publication programmes;
- Supporting the Under-Secretary-General in ensuring policy coherence within the Department and in contributing to an integrated approach by the Department to economic, social, environmental and gender dimensions of sustainable development, as well as in identifying effective responses to emerging issues in the context of globalization and making proposals to the Under-Secretary-General for action accordingly;
- Promoting a better interface between the work of the Department and other UN Departments, Funds, Programmes and specialized agencies in the field of sustainable development, as well as in post-conflict development, peace-building and humanitarian activities.

Further information on DESA is available on the following website:

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/en/>

**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. Women candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.**

The Secretary-General is seeking an individual with:

- Demonstrated management and leadership experience with strategic vision;
- Broad knowledge of sustainable development issues and ability to build consensus amongst stakeholders;
- Proven knowledge and expertise in research and analysis of economic development issues;
- Minimum of twenty years of experience in the field of economic and social affairs, combined with extensive and demonstrated experience in providing direction and leadership in intergovernmental processes, strategic and managerial experience in negotiation, change management, advocacy and stakeholder participation and managerial responsibility for large, multi-disciplinary and multi-cultural teams;
- A firm commitment to the work and objectives of the United Nations;

- Impeccable personal and professional integrity;
- A good understanding of the United Nations system, including, of current economic and development 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 by 20 March 2017. Applications may also be sent to [desa@un.org](mailto:desa@un.org)