

The Secretary-General is pleased to announce the following job opening: Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) at the Under-Secretary-General level, based in Beirut, Lebanon.

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 nomination of women candidates is strongly encouraged.

All applications should include a cover note and curriculum vitae of the candidate with full contact information (e-mail and telephone) and must be sent to the Secretariat by 12 December 2018. Nominations may also be sent to eosg2018escwa@un.org

Established in 1973 pursuant to Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) resolution 1818 (LV) and renamed per ECOSOC resolution 69/1985, ESCWA supports economic and social development in member countries, promotes interaction and cooperation between member countries, encourages the exchange of experience, best practice and lessons learned, aiming to achieve regional integration and ensure interaction between Western Asia and other regions, raising global awareness of the circumstances and needs of member countries Mission. ESCWA also provides a framework for the formulation and harmonization of sectoral policies for member countries, a platform for congress and coordination, a home for expertise and knowledge, and an information observatory. Its activities are coordinated with the divisions and main offices of the Headquarters of the United Nations, specialized agencies, and international and regional organizations, including the League of Arab States and its subsidiary bodies, and the Gulf Cooperation Council.

The Executive Secretary is accountable to the Secretary-General and is responsible for all the activities of ESCWA and its administration; assists and advises the Secretary-General on matters concerning economic and social development in Western Asia and acts as a focal point in the Secretariat on matters concerning the economic and social development of the region. The Executive Secretary represents the Secretary-General on special assignments relating to issues of economic and social policy on Western Asia; identifies broad strategies for the development and implementation of the programme of work of ESCWA and maintains close contact with representatives of Member States and associate Member States, departments and offices of the United Nations Secretariat, other intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations. The Executive Secretary is responsible for the security of United Nations personnel, premises and assets within the ESCWA compound and for the implementation of the security and safety policies of the Organization.

Further information on ESCWA is available in the Secretary-General's Bulletin ST/SGB/2010/7 and on the following website: <https://www.unescwa.org/>

The Executive Secretary is expected to possess and undertake the following attributes and roles:

- Demonstrate leadership experience with strategic vision and proven skills in leading transformation in, and managing complex organizations, such as intergovernmental, international non-governmental or multinational private sector entities;
- Demonstrate intellectual leadership in one or more of the following areas - international economic and financial policy, macroeconomic policy, trade, investment and innovation, and statistics, - within the context of sustainable development, and proven track record of high impact results;
- Demonstrate creativity and proven ability to propose new ideas and lead on new ways of working across silos and at the Humanitarian-Development-Peace nexus in addressing the drivers of conflict, climate change, humanitarian action and developing effective institutions, capacities and resilience in a complementary and synergetic way for inclusive sustainable development and lasting peace;
- Demonstrate record of setting clear standards for accountability, probity, value for money and risk management and zero tolerance to fraud and corruption; for ensuring sound and transparent financial management; and delivering continuous improvement in the organizational impact, efficiency and effectiveness of ESCWA and in system-wide results;
- Prove track record of change management in complex organizations and accomplishments at the regional, national or international level with strong resource mobilization, political and diplomatic skills, with the capacity to provide leadership to an innovative, dynamic, diverse, and high-performing organization;
- Demonstrate ability to work harmoniously in a multi-cultural team and establish harmonious and effective working relationships both within and outside the organization and to protect and empower women and young people;
- Prove ability to inspire, encourage, build trust and confidence and also build consensus, stimulate effective campaigns and drive collective action among a broad spectrum of people and organizations, with experience working in partnership with national and international actors to create opportunities and solutions to major economic and social development issues in Western Asia;
- High commitment to the values and guiding principles of the United Nations and familiarity with the United Nations system, including peacekeeping, climate change, human rights, humanitarian and development settings and challenges.
- Demonstrate commitment to working closely with the United Nations Secretary-General to mobilize the political support of Member States to advance the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, with extensive knowledge and/or experience of major economic and social development issues with a view to promoting policies and strategies for the development of Western Asia;

- Demonstrate excellent communication and representation skills, proven ability to persuade, motivate and influence stakeholders to accelerate transformational approaches and implement commitment, being a powerful and convincing advocate on all aspects of economic and social development issues in Western Asia and the broader sustainable development agenda, worldwide and within the United Nations system.

Human rights screening

Individuals 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.