Vacancy announcement

UN JPO Programme

JPO in Counter-Terrorism (Legal Affairs)

United Nations Counter-Terrorism Committee
Executive Directorate (CTED), Legal and Criminal
Justice Cluster



Closing date 19 November 2024 6 pm EST

Vacancy Announcement # 24P057

I General information	
Title:	JPO in Counter-Terrorism (Legal Affairs)
Sector of Assignment:	Legal Affairs
Country:	USA
Location (City):	New York
Agency:	United Nations Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive
	Directorate (CTED), Legal and Criminal Justice Cluster
Duration of Assignment:	The assignment is intended for a minimum duration of 2
	years. The initial appointment is for 1 year, renewable
	based on performance and availability of funds.
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 candidates with U.S. citizenship. U.S. candidates must be no older than 32 years of age as of December 31 of the year of application.

II Duties, responsibilities and Output Expectations

For this position, the JPO would:

- Analyse the status of implementation of UN Security Council resolutions 1373 (2001), 1624 (2005), 2178 (2014) and 2396 (2017), and related resolutions, with respect to assigned Member States concerning the global fight against terrorism.
- Prepare detailed assessments and draft reports on thematic issues pertaining to legal issues
 related to terrorism, such as Prosecution, Rehabilitation and Reintegration (PRR) strategies;
 International Humanitarian Law (IHL); the collection of evidence (including by the military and eevidence); bringing terrorist to justice, mutual legal assistance; and any current legal issues on the
 agenda of the CTC/ CTED.
- Identify legal-related issues where evaluated States require technical assistance and ensure that technical assistance providers/donors provide follow-up assistance.
- 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.
- Clarify and disseminate the standards and best practices approved by the CTC to be met by

Member States.

- Liaise with Member States, international and regional organizations on any technical and other assistance programs available that could facilitate implementation of relevant resolutions.
- Assist in organizing CTED-sponsored regional workshops to bring together senior practitioners on implementing various aspects of resolution 1373 (2001), 1624 (2005), 2178 (2014) and 2396 (2017), as well as related resolutions.
- Assist in preparing presentations to the CTC and/or the general UN membership.
- Represent CTED, as requested, at international conferences or meetings to which the Executive Director has been invited and represent CTED in coordinating meetings with local UN counterterrorism entities.
- Undertake any other duties as may be assigned.

III Training component: Learning elements and expectations

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

- Fully understand the internal procedures of CTED;
- Assist in analyzing and interpreting 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.
- Assist in drafting taking points or speeches for the Committee Chair and the Executive Director.
- Correspond with international, regional and sub-regional organizations, as well as with Permanent Missions of Member States to the United Nations.
- Attend internal meetings of the Directorate as well as formal Committee Meetings and take notes as required.
- Undertake other tasks as requested.

IV Supervision

Title of Supervisor:

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 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 the JPO's performance.

V Required Qualifications and Experience

Education:

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

Working experience (incl. internships and volunteering):

A minimum of 2 years of progressively responsible experience in international law. 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) and 2396 (2017). One year of experience related to counter-terrorism is desirable.

Other skills:

Solid Computer and research skills.

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.

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.

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.

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

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

Guided by Security Council resolutions 1373 (2001), 1624 (2005), 2378 (2014) and 2396 (2017) the CTC works to bolster the ability of United Nations Member States to prevent terrorist acts both within their borders and across regions. It was established in the wake of the 11 September terrorist attacks in the United States.

The CTC is assisted by the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED), which carries out the policy decisions of the Committee, conducts expert assessments of each Member State and facilitates counter-terrorism technical assistance to countries.

Resolution 1373 (2001), adopted unanimously on 28 September 2001, calls upon Member States to implement a number of measures intended to enhance their legal and institutional ability to counter terrorist activities, including taking steps to:

- · Criminalize the financing of terrorism
- Freeze without delay any funds related to persons involved in acts of terrorism
- Deny all forms of financial support for terrorist groups
- Suppress the provision of safe haven, sustenance or support for terrorists
- Share information with other governments on any groups practicing or planning terrorist acts
- Cooperate with other governments in the investigation, detection, arrest, extradition and prosecution of those involved in such acts; and
- Criminalize active and passive assistance for terrorism in domestic law and bring violators to justice.

The resolution also calls on States to become parties, as soon as possible, to the relevant international counter-terrorism legal instruments.

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 19 November 2024, 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.