Joining UNDP: Junior Professional Officer Programme

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Agenda

• UN / DP

• Working with UN/DP

• Opportunities for entering the UN/DP
The United Nations

- Established 24 Oct 1945 by 51 countries

- Member States agree to accept the obligations of the UN Charter:
  - maintain international peace and security
  - develop friendly relations among nations
  - cooperate in solving international problems and promote respect for human rights
  - be a centre for harmonizing actions of nations
The UN Development Group unites the 32 UN organisations that play a role in development.
UNDP one day on earth

- http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_detailpage&v=2RV9nGRKv9c
• Established 1965

• More than 135 Country Offices

• Working in more than 170 countries

• Over 8,000 staff members
Global development – quick stocktaking

How many people are defined as poor today?

12%
22%
46%
Global development – quick stocktaking

How many children are enrolled in primary education?

53%

83%

90%
Global development – quick stocktaking

Which national parliament have most female representatives (Finland, Nicaragua or Rwanda?)
Working with UNDP – What do we look for?

• Commitment to making a difference
• Thrive in international, multi-cultural, diverse environment
• Flexibility, creativity, and lateral thinking skills
• Integrity
• Relevant knowledge and experience
Entry Points at UNDP

- Junior Professional Officer Programme (JPO)
- Professional level (P)
- General Service level (G)
- Internships
- Consultancies
Internship Opportunities

- Headquarters, regional or country office
- Decentralized and demand-driven
- Requirement: must be enrolled in a Master’s / PhD program
- Normal duration is 3 months
- All internships are unpaid
- CIMO internships
Junior Professional Officer

- Under 32 years of age
- Provides young professionals with experience in multilateral development cooperation
- Master’s degree (or equivalent) in a relevant discipline
- Minimum 2 years of relevant work experience
- Language skills (English + knowledge of one UN language)
- Funded by the Government of Finland - Apply directly to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs/CIMO

www.jposc.org
Where to find vacancies

All external vacancies at UNDP are advertised on http://jobs.undp.org
In conclusion

- JPO Programme is a good entry point to a UNDP career
- Consultancies can help to get relevant UN experience and ‘your foot in the door’
- Internships offer good exposure to the UN system
- UNV – United Nations Volunteers as another way to get relevant experience: http://www.unv.org/
- Relevant experience outside of UN also useful: field experience and NGO experience
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Questions and comments are welcome
Thank you for your attention!

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