



The Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict, (GPPAC) is looking for an Advocacy Liaison Officer to the United Nations (based in New York).

Starting date: For immediate recruitment

Location: WFM-IGP Office in New York

Deadline for applications: May 21st, 2019

The Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC) is a worldwide network of civil society organisations working on the prevention of violent conflict. The GPPAC Foundation in The Hague fulfills the task of Global Secretariat for GPPAC. The GPPAC Advocacy Liaison Officer to the United Nations provides the essential links between network members, the global secretariat and the UN policy arena.

GPPAC was established in 2003 in response to United Nations (UN) Secretary-General Kofi Annan's 2001 report on the Prevention of Armed Conflict, in which he urged civil society to organize its role in this field. GPPAC builds on decades of prevention, conflict resolution and peacebuilding work throughout the world and is organised through fifteen regional networks, each of which has developed an agenda to reflect regional principles and priorities, feeding into an overall Global Action Agenda and supported by a Strategic Plan for 2016-2020.

GPPAC is currently pursuing thematic work in the fields of Human Security, Dialogue & Mediation, Gender and the Sustainable Development Goals and has programs on Enabling Collaboration, Improving Practice and Influencing Policies with/of network members. For more information see: www.gppac.net.

GPPAC's global advocacy work is facilitated by three key positions (the UN Liaison, the Policy and Advocacy advisor, and the Executive Director) complemented by the regions' expertise. Through this we closely monitor the work of key international organisations, follow up on relevant debates, and identify entry points to provide the inputs of civil society in the development and implementation of conflict prevention and peacebuilding policies and actions. As part of this initiative, GPPAC has established an advocacy presence in New York in collaboration with the World Federalist Movement-Institute for Global Policy (WFM-IGP).

GPPAC is looking for a new UN Advocacy Liaison Officer. The position is based in New York. Under overall supervision of GPPAC Managing Adviser for Policy and Advocacy for strategic and programmatic questions and the WFM-IGP Director of Programs/Senior Programs Officer, the UN Liaison Officer's responsibilities include:

Advocacy Support

- Identify strategic opportunities to support member-driven advocacy messages and conduct lobbying efforts towards the UN and member states;

- Represent GPPAC in meetings with other civil society groups (CSO's), UN officials, Member States and other stakeholders.
- Prepare and facilitate engagements with representatives of the UN, member states CSO's and other stakeholders with GPPAC members and staff in New York;
- Provide input into and help develop and implement advocacy strategies of GPPAC and its members;
- Provide policy and other analysis of developments at UN Headquarters, related to peacebuilding, conflict prevention, gender and other related matters to the Global Secretariat as needed.

Research and Policy

- Monitor and analyze political developments and trends in relation to conflict prevention and peacebuilding;
- Research and draft analytical and briefing reports on issues related to peacebuilding, conflict prevention and international peace and security broadly.
- Provide policy and other analysis of developments at UN Headquarters related to peacebuilding, conflict prevention, gender and other related matters to the Global Secretariat as needed.
- Undertake research projects on conflict prevention and peacebuilding by the UN.

Communications and media support

- Regularly write blog posts on relevant policy development at the UN;
- Works closely with the communications team to produce and distribute a variety of (new) content, including website articles, opinion pieces and other media related products;
- Keep staff, partners, and other constituencies informed of the liaison's activities and issues being monitored at the UN.

Coordination

- Coordinate and co-facilitate the Civil Society Prevention Platform together with the Quakers UN Office (QUNO).
- Support planning and arranging GPPAC staff and member visits to NY;
- Arrange and participate in meetings, conference calls, annual and project planning and reporting;
- Contribute to fundraising efforts, in particular for projects or activities held in the US and/or that involve US donors
- Act as regional coordinator for GPPAC's Northern-America region;
- Contribute to donor reporting.

Applicant Profile

Strategic thinker with previous experience in advocacy and lobbying, sensitive to practitioners' needs while able to navigate the complexity of the UN system. Good analytical and communication skills (written and oral), comfortable in working across different cultures and committed to the values of conflict prevention and peacebuilding.

Education: Masters degree in the field of international relations, public policy, conflict prevention, peace, development studies or similar.

Work Experience: Three to five years of relevant work experience, including experience in a civil society environment, ideally with experience in advocacy, networking, and/or communication, preferably work experience in a conflict area.

Languages: Fluent in English and preferably also other languages (French and Spanish will be specially valued).

Skills: Outstanding communication and listening skills within complex organisational and cross-cultural environments; able to build and maintain a professional network of appropriate contacts; identify strategic opportunities based on an understanding of GPPAC's goals; shows initiative; able to work on several simultaneous tasks, prioritise and meet deadlines; proven writing and editing skills, strong project management skills, preferably knowledge of the UN system and how UN policies are developed.

Applicants must be authorized to live and work in the United States.

Terms

- Full-Time;
- Compensation is commensurate with experience and salary history (\$50K to \$60K);
- One-year contract with the possibility of renewal upon satisfactory performance and availability of funds.

How to Apply

Interested candidates should send:

- A Curriculum Vitae;
- A Cover Letter stating your interest in this position;
- Three references (name, title, affiliation and phone number);
- Information on authorisation to work in the United States (citizen, permanent resident, Practical Training, etc.).

Email your complete application to recruitment@gppac.net.

Please label the subject line according to this structure: GPPAC UN Liaison, last name, first name.

Deadline: May 21st, 2019 with applications being reviewed on a rolling basis

WFM-IGP and GPPAC are equal opportunity employers, strongly committed to hiring and retaining a diverse and internationally representative staff. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.