

**VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT – (INTERNAL/ EXTERNAL)**

The Office of the **United Nations Educational, Scientific & Cultural Organization**, Juba, is currently seeking a qualified candidate for the following post:

<b>Job Title</b>	Team Lead / Senior Expert – Peacebuilding and Intersectoral Programming
<b>Duty Station</b>	Juba
<b>Section</b>	Education
<b>Contract Type/ Level</b>	Service Contract (SC-9)
<b>Post Duration</b>	Initial period of 6 months with possibility of extension subject to satisfactory performance and resource availability.
<b>Closing Date</b>	31 May 2026
<b>Application Details</b>	<p>This vacancy is open to qualified South Sudanese nationals only.</p> <p>Interested applicants should submit their updated resume by email to <a href="mailto:juba.hr@unesco.org">juba.hr@unesco.org</a>.</p> <p>Please clearly type the <b>job title</b> in subject. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted for further assessment.</p> <p><b>Applications from qualified women candidates are encouraged.</b></p>

**FUNCTIONS OVERVIEW**

**I. Basic Purpose:**

Under the overall authority of the Head of Office and UNESCO Representative and the direct supervision of the Head of Education, the Team Lead / Senior Programme Officer – Peacebuilding and Intersectoral Programmes provides strategic leadership, technical oversight and day-to-day coordination of UNESCO’s peacebuilding and intersectoral programming portfolio in South Sudan. The post ensures effective programme development, implementation, resource mobilization, team management and support to office management, in line with UNESCO’s mandate and comparative advantage in the country.

In addition, the post holder is expected to ensure substantive contributions to UNESCO’s global and regional initiatives related to peacebuilding, including the UNESCO Recommendation on Education for Peace, Human Rights and Sustainable Development.

**II. Duties and Responsibilities:**

1. Lead the design, implementation, monitoring and reporting of peacebuilding and intersectoral programmes and projects, including the current portfolio of PBF projects, and ensuring alignment with UNESCO priorities, national strategies and donor requirements

2. Ensure effective project management, including planning, budgeting, monitoring of results and risks, and application of results-based management principles.
3. Oversee and ensure compliance with UNESCO procurement rules and procedures related to programme and project implementation. Procurement experience is an essential requirement for this post.
4. Lead and contribute to resource mobilization efforts, including the preparation of project proposals, concept notes, donor reports and engagement with UN and other multilateral funding mechanisms related to peacebuilding and education.
5. Conduct and oversee analytical work, needs assessments and contextual analysis to inform programme design, implementation and policy dialogue.
6. Supervise and provide technical guidance to programme staff, project personnel, consultants and service contract holders, fostering a collaborative and results-focused team environment.
7. Provide substantive, operational and strategic support to the Head of Office and UNESCO Representative, including contributions to office planning, coordination and reporting.
8. Represent UNESCO in UN coordination platforms/mechanisms, technical meetings, coordination mechanisms and partner engagements, as delegated by the Head of Office.
9. Undertake other tasks as deemed relevant by the direct supervisor.

## **REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS**

### **Education:**

Advanced university degree (Master's or equivalent) in peacebuilding, education, international development, social sciences or a related field.

### **Experience, Knowledge and Skills:**

- Minimum of seven (7) years of relevant professional experience in programme development and implementation within the United Nations and/or multilateral organizations, with demonstrated experience working in South Sudan.
- Proven experience in managing peacebuilding and intersectoral programmes and projects, including with a focus on youth skills and empowerment and gender mainstreaming, as well as project management and procurement. Procurement experience is required.
- Demonstrated knowledge of UNESCO, its mandate, mission and comparative advantage, particularly in the areas of peacebuilding.
- Experience working with UN and other multilateral funding mechanisms related to peacebuilding
- Proven track record of resource mobilization.
- International, Africa and/or East Africa regional experience.
- Strong capacity to cultivate and enhance networking and collaborations across different platforms within South Sudan, in the region and internationally would be an asset.

- Strong analytical, drafting, coordination and team management skills, with the ability to work effectively in complex and fragile contexts.

**Languages:**

Fluency in English (both oral and written) is required. Knowledge of other languages, such as Arabic, spoken in South Sudan is an advantage.

**Assessment:**

Evaluation of qualified candidates may include a written test followed by competency-based interview.

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