My Journey with INGOs and IOs

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What will be covered today?

- A brief introduction of my experience in the non-profit and UN system
- Practical tips in finding jobs/internship opportunities in INGOs and IOs
About myself

- Graduated from Government and Public Administration in 2022
- Work as a Public Relations Fellow in Justice Without Borders (JWB) on a part-time basis from Sep 2021 to April 2022
  - JWB is a regional NGO providing cross-border legal assistance to migrant workers, with offices in Hong Kong, Singapore and Indonesia
  - Job duties: Social media content creation, writing articles
- Work as an intern in the International Organization for Migration (IOM) focusing on labour migration since May 2022 (remote working for the Asia-Pacific regional office)
  - IOM is the leading migration agency under the UN system
  - Job duties: Facilitate the regional consultative processes and support the review of project documents submitted by country offices
How to get a job in the UN System?

- The **UN system** is so big... It comprises many funds, programmes and specialized agencies

  - The United Nations is just part of the UN system, so be open!

- In general, they share a common job classification system developed by ICSC with the same **salary scale**

- **Staff categories:**
  - General (locally recruited)
  - Professional (internationally recruited)
  - E.g. PI: master OR bachelor + 2 years of experience
  - National Professional Officers

- **The United Nations System**
  - The United Nations Forum on Forestry
  - Functional Commissions
    - Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice
    - Narcotic Drugs
    - Population and Development
    - Science and Technology for Development
    - Social Development
    - Statistics
    - United Nations Commission on the Status of Women
  - Regional Commissions
    - ECA: Economic Commission for Africa
    - ECE: Economic Commission for Europe
    - ECLAC: Economic Commission for Latin America
    - ESCAP: Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
    - ESCWA: Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia
  - Other Bodies
    - Committee of Experts on Global Social Security Information Management
    - UNACOM: United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
    - UNISDR: United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction
    - UNRWA: United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
    - UNWOMEN: United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women
  - Specialized Agencies
    - FAO: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
    - ICAO: International Civil Aviation Organization
    - IDB: Inter-American Development Bank
    - ILO: International Labour Organization
    - IFAD: International Fund for Agricultural Development
    - IFMA: International Maritime Organization
    - IOM: International Organization for Migrants
    - UNESCO: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
    - UNIDO: United Nations Industrial Development Organization
    - UNWTO: World Tourism Organization
    - WHO: World Health Organization
    - WIPO: World Intellectual Property Organization
    - UNESCO: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
    - International Labour Organization
    - United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
    - United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction
    - United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
    - United States Mission to the United Nations
  - **The UN Principal Organs**
    - Economic and Social Council
    - General Assembly
    - Security Council
    - International Court of Justice
    - Trusteeship Council
    - Secretariat
  - **Other Entities**
    - CTCFL: Security Council Committee to bénéficium for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization
    - ICAN: International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons
    - ICRM: International Criminal Court
    - IDB: Inter-American Development Bank
    - ISU: International Seabed Authority
    - OSCE: Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
    - WPIT: World Bank Trade Organization
  - **Related Organizations**
    - ICSU: International Council of Scientific Unions
    - UNESCO: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
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Job opportunities for fresh graduates:

- Internship (minimum: final year of your bachelor degree program; duration: at least 2 months)
- **UN Volunteers** (National and International): UN Youth Volunteers and UN University Volunteers
  - International UN Youth Volunteers *usually* have specific requirements on the nationality
- Junior consultancy contracts (*very rare, or usually offer upon special consideration)

Where to find these job opportunities?

- Common job portals: Impact Pool, UN Jobnet, Relief Web, UNV Platform
- Job opportunities from other INGOs/IOs can also be found in these job portals, e.g. Save the Children, International Rescue Committee, Amnesty, Greenpeace, Oxfam, Red Cross

* Mindful of the requirements of International UN Youth Volunteers

**Additional eligibility criteria**

This assignment is funded by the Government of the Republic of Ireland and therefore specific criteria apply:
- The age criteria is broadened to include candidates who will be between 18 and 29 years of age throughout the assignment.
- Only the following are eligible to apply: Irish citizens or a European Economic Area nationals with an unrestricted right to reside in Ireland or have a declaration of refugee status from the Minister for Justice and Law Reform.

Selected candidates will be invited for an Assignment Preparation Training (online) in February 2023.
The start of the assignment is scheduled for February/March 2023.

**Additional eligibility criteria**

This assignment is funded by the Government of the Czech Republic and therefore specific criteria apply:
- Only nationals of the Czech Republic can be considered.
- Candidates must be between 18 and 29 years of age throughout the assignment.
- It is a non-family assignment, entitlements related to dependents will not be granted.
- Deployment will be in February/March 2023, after the Assignment Preparation Training.
Specific tips in jobs application

- **LinkedIn** is more useful than you thought 😊
- Narrow down the agencies/organizations you are interested in, and check the job vacancies in their **regional or country office websites** regularly (as not all job opportunities are posted in the global job portals)
- Although **related experience** is not a pre-requisite, they are highly desirable! So start building your profile 😊
- Having relevant internship/fellowship experience is not the only way to show your experience or interest, other **extra curricular activities and volunteer work** can also help!
What is my next step after the internship with IOM?

WHO KNOWS? 😄
Thank you!

Feel free to find me at Whatsapp/Signal if you have any further questions after the webinar 😊 (+852 5114 0012)