

NEWSLETTER

for Junior Professional Officers
and Special Assistants to the RC

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Highlights on Greece



Four UNDP JPOs funded by **Greece** have recently started their assignment. We would like to take this opportunity to celebrate Greece's participation in the UNDP JPO Programme and the fruitful collaboration between the Ministry of Economy and Finance and UNDP.

In regards to this, the Greek Ministry of Economy and Finance has kindly accepted to [share the background and context of its participation in the UNDP JPO Programme](#).

Moreover, two of the new Greek JPOs have shared their first impressions at work and have written an article each for our quarterly Information Bulletin. Here you can read about [Kelly Papadaki](#) based in Geneva, Switzerland and [Dionysia Rigatou](#), based in Ankara, Turkey.



JPO-Net and Teamworks



We are pleased to announce the launch of **JPO-Net space in**

Teamworks, which will replace our email-based JPO discussion group (331 JPOs as of now).

Through this space, JPOs will be able to communicate amongst each other, while it will also allow for a streamlined communication between the JPO Service Centre and the JPO community.

Interview with Ms. Perona Larraz



Ms. Pilar Perona Larraz, Chief of the Recruitment for International Organizations Area of Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID), is about to start enjoying a well-deserved retirement. With her hopes set in the future and her head full of memories, we have asked her to look back for a moment. To read her interview, [click here](#)

Career Management Website



The content of our JPO **Career Management Website** has been reviewed and updated in

three languages.

This Website provides a platform of information, tools and resources for career planning purposes within UNDP and the United Nations System. It may assist you in developing a career strategy and preparing your CV and application or for the competency-based interview.

JPOSC Staff corner

The JPOSC is pleased to share with you the latest staffing update from the JPO Service Centre:

The JPO Service Centre has moved back to its premises



Due to a severe storm in Copenhagen on 2 July 2011, part of the UN House was flooded and the offices of the JPO Service Centre were seriously damaged. After a temporary relocation, the JPO Service Centre team has now moved back to its premises. We would like to thank all our

partners for their support and patience during the last couple of months when we had to cope with this unexpected situation!

Welcome to our 13 new JPOs/SARCs

Alli, Iina-Elina (Finland) UNFPA, Rwanda
Chus, Maria-Karina (France), UNOPS, Denmark
Fostvedt, Audun (Norway), UNDP, Sudan
Guse, Kornelia (Germany), UNDP-UNV, Germany
Hauser, Benjamin (Germany), WHO, Switzerland
Kenngott, Carola (Germany), UNDP, USA
Kirchner, Markus (Germany), WHO, Denmark
Kubitschek, Jonas (Germany), UNRWA, Jordan

How to read your Personal Action (PA) Report

How to read your Personal Action (PA) Report (upon initial appointment):

As the Personal Action report can be a complex document to understand for the new staff members, we have been working on a document for JPOs explaining/clarifying the main points of the PAs.

An overview of the document is accessible on the [JPOSC website](#).

UNDP for Beginners in French



A revised and updated beginner's guide to the United Nations Development Programme in French

is now available on our website. It establishes a brief and concise overview of the organization's multifaceted structure and its ongoing transformations. It is written to give you a snap-shot of where UNDP

stands now, as well as providing an overview of the basic structures and systems of UNDP. Bonne lecture !

Minsat, Arthur (France), UNDP, USA
Scolaro, Elisa (Italy), WHO, Switzerland
Taniguchi, Eri (Japan), UNFPA, Mongolia
Vaquier, Damien (France), UNRWA, Occupied Palestinian Territory
Yokoyama, Masako (Japan) UNDP Timor Leste

Welcome also to the new SARC (and former JPO), **Stine Heiselberg**, (Denmark), UNDP, Nepal as well.

We would like to say **goodbye** and wish all the best to the following colleagues who ended their **JPO** assignment since September 2011:

Benito Lopez, Maria Teresa (Spain), UNDP-UNCDF, Bangladesh
Mattsson, Lisa (Sweden), UNDP, Kosovo, UN Administered Territory
Moreau, Jennifer (Germany), UNDP, USA
Omer Hassan, Azza (The Netherlands), UNFPA, India
Pettersson, Karen (Norway), UNAIDS, Ethiopia
Takimoto, Asako (Japan), UNDP, Pakistan
Van den Heuvel, Onno (The Netherlands), UNDP, Mongolia
Yokota, Mio (Japan), UNDP, Mongolia

We would like also to say **goodbye** to the three following colleagues who have ended their **SARCs assignments**:

Joaquin Jose Azpiroz Echecolonea (Spain), UNDP El Salvador
Martin Hart-Hansen (Denmark), UNDP Nepal
Laila Milad (Denmark), UNDP Jordan

Upcoming Workshop Mexico



The next **JPO workshop on Results-Based Management, which will take place in Merida, Mexico**, from 30 October to 4 November.

The objectives of the two week induction workshop are to:

- 1) Help Junior Professional Officers (JPOs) become more effective programme officers in the strategic programmatic and operational areas in the UNDP Country offices where they serve; and
- 2) To provide a safe learning environment where JPOs can deepen their knowledge, skills, and competencies, through networking, sharing experiences and practicing new leadership behaviors.

More information is available on the [JPO-Net on Teamworks](#)

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