

Division for Sustainable Development Goals

International Expert: Sustainable Urban Development, P5, Tashkent, Uzbekistan

Org. Setting and Reporting

The position is located in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), Division for Sustainable Development Goals (DSDG), in the National Strategies and Capacity Building Branch. The Division for Sustainable Development Goals, under the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, provides leadership in promoting and coordinating implementation of the sustainable development agenda of the United Nations and serves as secretariat to the Sustainable Development Goals. The incumbent will be based in Tashkent (Uzbekistan). Under the overall supervision and guidance of the Chief of the National Strategies and Capacity Building Branch and in close collaboration with other staff of the Branch and Division, the International Expert will be responsible for supporting the Republic of Uzbekistan on the integration of SG11: Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient, and other relevant SDGs and internationally agreed frameworks, such as the New Urban Agenda into national plans and strategies. In particular, the International Expert will assist the Department for the Implementation of Urbanization Policies of the Ministry of Economic Development and Poverty Reduction of the Republic of Uzbekistan to develop proposals and recommendations for improving urbanization indicators on the basis of existing experience and knowledge in the field of urbanization, allowing the Ministry to identify further promising directions for the development of urbanization in Uzbekistan, develop key tasks in this area, and predict possible problems that may arise when realizing the goal and tasks.

The services of the International Expert aim to ensure the provision of high-level technical expertise, the transfer of knowledge from global entities to the Government on urbanization policy-related issues, development strategies and the formulation, assessment or evaluation of projects or programmes

Responsibilities

Within delegated authority, the International Expert will be responsible for the following:

- • Provide advice (proposals and recommendations) on the following issues: 1. enhance inclusive and sustainable urbanization and capacity for participatory, integrated and sustainable human settlement planning and management; 2. draw on the experience of other countries in implementing measures to develop the urban economy, in particular linkages between urbanization and job creation, livelihood opportunities, and improved quality of life; 3. measures necessary for the development of sustainable urban mobility and transportation, especially paying attention to the elimination of urban congestion and air pollution; 4. measures necessary for integrating transport and mobility plans into overall urban and territorial plans and promoting a wide range of transport and mobility options; 5. modern planning for the development of affordable and adequate urban housing; 6. recommendations and proposals for the development of the program on "social housing", including the supply of a variety of adequate housing options that are safe, affordable and accessible for members of different income groups of society; 7. provide up-to-date world trends in the formation of mortgage policy and the construction of real estate, including the construction of sustainable and efficient cities and "rethinking shopping centers", and urban greening; 8. guidance on

improving urban infrastructure (safe drinking water and sanitation, affordable energy) and the introduction of energy-efficient systems; 9. measures to build urban resilience, by reducing disaster risks and by mitigating and adapting to climate change; 10. methods for determining (identifying) satellite cities in the Republic of Uzbekistan, including their conceptual development; 11. modern urban development models that are used by countries with a high level of urbanization; 12. possible challenges and threats in the field of urbanization that may arise against the backdrop of a pandemic, approaches and recommendations for their prevention; 13. development of the necessary regulatory documents aimed at creating sustainable urbanization in the Republic of Uzbekistan;

- Performs other duties as required.

Competencies

- **Professionalism:** Knowledge and understanding of theories, concepts and approaches relevant to sustainable urbanization, land-use planning, development control, urban governance and affordable housing, pro-poor and gender responsive approaches in the urban field. Demonstrates professional competence and mastery of subject matter; Demonstrated ability to provide innovative technical leadership by performing and/or overseeing the planning, development, and management of the project activities. Demonstrated ability to negotiate and apply good judgment Shows pride in work and in achievements; is conscientious and efficient in meeting commitments, observing deadlines and achieving results; is motivated by professional rather than personal concerns; shows persistence when faced with difficult problems or challenges; remains calm in stressful situations.
- **Communication:** Speaks and writes clearly and effectively; listens to others, correctly interprets messages from others and responds appropriately; asks questions to clarify, and exhibits interest in having two-way communication; tailors language, tone, style and format to match audience; demonstrates openness in sharing information and keeping people informed.
- **Planning and Organizing:** Develops clear goals that are consistent with agreed strategies; identifies priority activities and assignments and adjusts priorities as required; allocates appropriate amount of time and resources for completing work; foresees risks and allows for contingencies when planning; monitors and adjusts plans and actions as necessary; uses time efficiently.

Education

Advanced university degree in sustainable development, development economics, regional planning, geography, urban issues and policy development or other related development field is required. A first-level university degree in combination with two additional years of qualifying experience may be accepted in lieu of the advanced university degree.

Work Experience

- A minimum of ten years of progressively responsible experience working in social/economic sustainable development, regional, territorial and urban planning, or policy analysis and assessment is required.
- Extensive demonstrable experience in developing and designing tools and guide(line)s or similar documents;
- Experience in working with multi-stakeholder approaches at international level;
- Extensive demonstrable experience in research and documentation urban and rural issues is desirable.
- Experience in undertaking consultative process for designing global frameworks would be an added advantage

Languages

English and French are the working languages of the United Nations Secretariat. For the post advertised, fluency in oral and written English is required. Proficiency in spoken and written Russian is desirable.