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UNV partnering with France

Since the signature of the framework agreement in 2004, the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme has enjoyed a strong partnership with France, represented by the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires Étrangères – MEAE). The collaboration is implemented through the partnership with the delegation for international civil servants (Délégation aux Fonctionnaires Internationaux – DFI) and takes place through the Full Funding Programme. Since 2018, France has also been contributing to UN's Special Voluntary Fund (SVF).

France is currently offering opportunities for fully-funded UN Volunteers. Interested candidates are invited to view opportunities for 6 UN Youth Volunteers, 12 UN Volunteer specialists and one UN Volunteer assignment for a young professional with disabilities.
apply on the website of the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs.

France directly supports UNV activities and in 2019 presented its National Situational Analysis on Volunteering, a source for generating evidence and data on volunteerism.

In its voluntary national review, France reported on progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in 2016, and made a reference to the role of volunteers for SDG4, quality education (ref. the civic reserve; p.21) and SDG12, responsible consumption and production (ref. local authorities volunteering to reduce waste; p.37).

In March 2019, the French delegation for relations with civil society and the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs took an active role in the Regional Consultation on the Plan of Action to Integrate volunteering in the 2030 Agenda in Europe, participating in a panel on the key findings of regional synthesis reports.

France also actively co-sponsored the UN General Assembly Resolution on "Volunteering for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development" (A/C.3/73/L.13).

During 2018, 187 French nationals served as UN Volunteers, of whom 36 were fully funded by France.
Experiences of UN Volunteers from France

→ **Facilitating durable solutions for the uprooted with the UN Refugee Agency in West and Central Africa** (Bouchra Makhlouf, UN Volunteer Associate Field Protection Officer with UNHCR, Chad)

→ **UN Volunteers tackling the challenge of refugee integration in Europe** (Kamilia Lahrichi, UN Volunteer Associate Public Information Officer with UNHCR, France)

→ **Communicating about human rights and sustainable development with UNDP** (Nelly Mandengue, UN Volunteer Communications Officer with UNDP, Central African Republic)

→ **Volunteering in the Democratic Republic of Congo with UNICEF and MONUSCO** (Marco Fayet, UN Volunteer Monitoring and Evaluation Officer with UNICEF in the Democratic Republic of Congo)

→ **Communicating to support the displaced in Congo’s Pool region** (Florence Danner, UN Volunteer Communication Specialist with UNDP, Congo Brazzaville)

UNV’s partnership with France on social media
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Productive mission to #France this week where I had the pleasure to meet with @francediplo, @FVolontaires, @OIFfrancophonie and @sciencespo to strengthen our collaboration on the promotion of volunteerism and #volunteer engagement in support of the #SDGs worldwide.
For more information, refer to UNV's Special Voluntary Fund Report 2018 and Full Funding Report 2018. For partnership inquiries, kindly contact partnershipsupport@unv.org.

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