



▶ Community members share experiences during a volunteer outreach service session held in Burundi.

Engaging with UNV



SERVICE LINE: UN VOLUNTEERS FOR INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL EVENTS

Do you wish to organize a large national or international event or process? Engage with the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme to co-create, design and tailor mixed teams of international/national UN Volunteers (including short-term volunteers), UN Youth Volunteers, as well as UN Online Volunteers to support the organization of large international and national events. UNV is a UN entity with the capacity to rapidly mobilize large numbers of skilled volunteers to support UN partners and governments in responding to peace and development efforts worldwide.

This service line offers a highly professional systematic approach covering the whole volunteer cycle of an event, which includes a UN Volunteer team to handle various technical and logistical arrangements, and input substantively. Accordingly, this team coordinates the recruitment, training and mentoring of short-term

volunteers for special events, as well as contributing on substantive thematic development considerations.

UNV event teams are adapted to your needs, for example, a team can be made up of 10 UN Volunteers who mobilize, train, support and manage 1,000 additional volunteers, including UN Online Volunteers who design communication materials, develop web pages or translate materials.

This UNV service line builds on previous UNV successes, which include major international conferences like the UN Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III), 2015 Lima Climate Conference (COP20), Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD), annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank (WB/IMF), UN Environment Assembly, the Earth Summit (Rio+10) and the Beijing Olympics.



KEY AREAS OF FOCUS

UNV can deploy highly skilled UN Volunteer Coordinators in support of international and national events. The organization has a systematic cascade volunteer training system for all aspects of events, conferences and summits. UN Volunteers deployed under this service line can:

- **Train volunteers for logistics and media support**, including registration, administrative support, hospitality, photography, publications and reporting;
- **Providing substantial input in the substantive phase and agenda design**, including expertise on development, peace and humanitarian, as well as cross-cutting gender and youth, issues;
- **Manage pre-event preparation**, ranging from supporting planning, training and orientation, as well as core decision-making and coordination processes, through to taking charge of implementation through recruitment, task assignment and monitoring;
- **Coordinate and manage the event**, including monitoring progress and implementation against a pre-prepared management plan, as well as managing the performance and welfare of conference volunteers; and
- **Guide post-event wrap activities**, covering recognition and appreciation of volunteers, creation of a volunteer database for future events, matching of volunteers with potential new volunteering opportunities, as well as compilation of effective processes, as well as lessons learned.

UN VOLUNTEER SUPPORT TO THE ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE WORLD BANK AND INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND

In December 2015, UNV assisted the Government of Peru in organizing the annual meetings of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund in Lima, with some 13,000 participants. The UNV Field Unit in Peru developed a systematic approach to manage the entire volunteer cycle, including logistics. Eight national UNV specialists were hired for about seven months. By following the cascade volunteer training system, these UN Volunteers were able to train about 1,000 conference volunteers and to mobilize 800 volunteers for the event itself. The main outcomes, apart from a great service to the event, were the social capital of 800 highly motivated young volunteers trained, not only for their specific task, but also in areas such as human development, Agenda 2030, climate change and gender.

“Volunteering has really changed my way of thinking. When I became a volunteer for the Global South to South Development Expo in Kenya and interacted with other volunteers, including UN Volunteers, I realized my potential and passion for community development. I thank UNV for this lifetime opportunity.”

Joseph Bonke Ongoro

UNV SERVICE LINES

Consultations with UN and national partners led to the establishment of UNV service lines. These embody a set of standardized assignments dedicated to provide services across multiple countries. They leverage existing UN Volunteer modalities and initiatives to formulate standard Descriptions of Assignments. A service line package can include mixed teams of international/national UN Volunteers, UN Youth Volunteers and UN Online Volunteers, identification of highly qualified candidates (with relevant language skills and diverse experience), common induction/training, joint resource mobilization efforts and integration into global, regional and multi-country programmes.

To engage with UNV on this service line for volunteer deployment at H category duty stations, kindly visit www.unv.org or contact your focal point at UNV.

The United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme contributes to peace and development through volunteerism worldwide. We work with partners to integrate qualified, highly motivated and well supported UN Volunteers into development programming and promote the value and global recognition of volunteerism.

UNV is active in around 130 countries every year. With field presences in over 80 countries, UNV is represented worldwide. UNV is administered by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).