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The United Nations Office at Geneva presents its compliments to the permanent missions and permanent observer offices to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva and has the honour to invite them to encourage qualified candidates to apply for the Standby Team of Senior Mediation Advisers of the Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs (DPPA).

DPPA maintains a Mediation Support Unit (MSU) as part of the Policy and Mediation Division. Its services are recognised as essential professional resources to support the good offices and mediation efforts of United Nations representatives and envoys, and those of partners in regional and sub-regional organisations as well as Member States. More information about MSU can be found on the [Peacemaker website](#).

A flagship of DPPA's mediation support efforts is the Standby Team of Senior Mediation Advisers (SBT), which provides DPPA the ability to deploy experts rapidly to work with mediation teams that need support in designing and facilitating mediation processes, or addressing thematic issues that arise in peace talks.

SBT members are engaged on a full-time basis with DPPA, and deploy on short notice to the field in support of on-going good offices and mediation work. Between deployments, they carry out research and analysis on mediation issues.

DPPA, in partnership with the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS), has now launched the recruitment process for the 2021 Standby Team of Senior Mediation Advisers, and is seeking the nomination of candidates with strong track records of working on mediation processes. Candidates should be available to provide the required assistance for a period of one year (starting late January 2021). The SBT will be composed of seasoned mediation advisers in various thematic areas including expertise in constitution-making; power-sharing; gender and inclusion; security arrangements (cease-fires, DDR & SSR); and conduct and design of mediation, facilitation and dialogue. SBT members may also be called upon to deliver trainings. The Secretariat particularly encourages the nomination of women, and French and/or Arabic speakers.

All candidates for the SBT, without exception, must submit an application via the recruitment portal of UNOPS by **application deadline of Wednesday, 22 July 2020 at 24:00 hrs (CET)**:
<https://jobs.unops.org/pages/viewvacancy/VADetails.aspx?id=19821#7>

The United Nations Office at Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the permanent missions and permanent observer offices to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva the assurances of its highest consideration.



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Annexes : enclosed