

WEA Geneva UN Liaison Office Searches for New Advocacy Officer

Applications accepted until June 30, 2017

The World Evangelical Alliance (WEA) is looking for a full-time Advocacy Officer – ideally from the Global South – to become part of the WEA Geneva UN Liaison team. The role will be key to accomplishing a new step in the team’s mission that started in 2012. The goal of the Geneva office is to strengthen the voice of the 600 million evangelicals worldwide in order to achieve positive structural changes in their countries, improving rule of law, freedom of conscience, religious freedom, minority rights, social justice, development and good governance.

Where possible, the office works with representatives of evangelical constituencies such as the national Evangelical Alliances and seeks to reinforce and equip them. It also encourages them to work in partnership with others that share joint advocacy objectives and invites them to present their thrust towards their national political leaders who report to the international bodies in Geneva. The WEA seeks to give evangelicals an opportunity to raise their voice for the vulnerable in their respective context. The new Advocacy Officer role will help to significantly expand WEA’s efforts to fulfill this mission.

The WEA Geneva team currently consists of Michael Mutzner, Permanent Representative to the UN in Geneva (40%) and Albert Hengelaar, Advocacy and Development Officer (50%).

To apply, please send your CV, letter of recommendation and the contact details of 2 reference persons to: Albert Hengelaar, ahengelaar@worlddea.org, no later than June 30, 2017.

Job description – Advocacy officer

Established in 1846, the World Evangelical Alliance (WEA) is a network of churches consisting of national evangelical alliances from 129 different countries, including 100 international organizations that have joined together to establish a world-wide identity, voice, and platform for the more than 600 million evangelical Christians around the globe. **The World Evangelical Alliance is formally registered as an NGO in Special Consultative Status with the United Nations.** This accreditation provides ample opportunities to be a voice for the worldwide evangelical community. The office is a platform for evangelical constituencies to raise their voices and to engage governments when their human rights record is discussed at the United Nations in Geneva. In 2012-2015, the office ran a successful pilot phase; 2016-2019 is meant to be a phase to build up the office and enlarge the team by hiring a full-time advocacy professional from the Global South, in order to increase the impact and the quality of the service we offer to the Church, and beyond, to the world.

The new advocacy officer will be offered a unique experience in a strategic ministry: Serving and representing a global constituency, organized in member based civil society institutions; getting to know evangelical constituencies from all over the world and supporting them to achieve positive change in their countries; participating in the Geneva based UN human rights mechanisms, such as the Human Rights Council; being part of an experienced team at WEA GVA and within the WEA at large.

Details at a Glance

Starting date: 2017 (exact date to be discussed, depending on availability)

Employment: 80% - 100%

Salary: to be discussed – based on Swiss Evangelical Alliance standards

Reporting to: WEA GVA Permanent Representative

Location: Geneva, Switzerland

1. Principal tasks

The Advocacy Officer's principal tasks are the following:

- **Connect with national Evangelical Alliances (EA)**, church denominations and organizations (the EA being the principal gate to build partnerships) and **facilitate their involvement with the UN human rights mechanisms, in particular the Universal Periodic Review (UPR)**, in order to increase the influence of church leaders on the development of their nations and achieve positive change. This includes:
 - Facilitating the preparation of UPR and other human rights reports by national actors.
 - Facilitating the participation of EAs and other church leaders in the lobbying process surrounding the UPR, both at national and international level.
 - Discussing opportunities for follow-up, in particular at national level.
 - Work in close cooperation with the WEA UN office in New York City.
 - Seek to build a good relationship with the diplomatic community in Geneva, in particular with the diplomatic missions of the focus countries.
 - Seek to build a good relationship with other NGOs, in particular other faith-based organizations.
- **Participating in Human Rights Council sessions, UPR Working Group and treaty bodies** (written and oral statements, advocacy, organization of side events...), based on focus areas and priorities determined by the WEA Geneva Liaison Office and its members.

2. Required competences

- University degree, preferably in law or international law
- Experience in advocacy at national, regional or international level
- Written skills, capacity to write advocacy reports
- Language skills, including proficiency in English
- Knowledge of international human rights law and system, in particular the Human Rights Council and the UPR
- Knowledge of evangelicalism (branches, characteristics, history) and of the functioning of Evangelical Alliances
- Committed evangelical Christian and a passion to serve the Church in society
- Capacity to build connections and relations in international forums such as the UN

The WEA Geneva Office has a preference for a candidate from the Global South, in order to contribute to a good geographical balance and representability of the WEA UN Liaison Office.



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3. Status

The Advocacy Officer is formally employed via the Swiss Evangelical Alliance. Salary is fixed according to the standards set by the Swiss Evangelical Alliance (Réseau évangélique suisse) for its staff.

The Advocacy Officer works under the supervision of the WEA Permanent Representative to the UN in Geneva. S/he is part of the WEA UN Team, that includes the WEA's Liaison Office in New York.

4. Evaluation

After a trial period of 3 months, evaluation of accomplishments, identification of areas of improvements and setting of new priorities will be done on a yearly basis under the leadership of the WEA Permanent Representative to the UN in Geneva.

5. Requirements

Under all circumstances, the Advocacy Officer is expected:

- to be led by a sincere desire to obey God;
- to identify with the [WEA's Statement of Faith](#);
- to apply biblical principles to their life and their work;
- to maintain a healthy equilibrium between work and family;
- to act as a peacemaker and a bridge builder, to seek dialogue, to speak truth with love, with gentleness and respect for professional boundaries;
- to respect cultural sensitivities;
- to make sure the positions transmitted at the UN reflect those of WEA and of the concerned Evangelical Alliances.

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