

WEA Geneva UN Liaison Office searches for a Research and Advocacy Officer

Accepts applications until 12 October 2020

Preferred start date: 1 December 2020.

The World Evangelical Alliance (WEA) is looking for a full time Research and Advocacy Officer, to be a part of the WEA Geneva UN Liaison team. This position is remote, based in the country of residence of the applicant.

The Research and Advocacy Officer will contribute towards the goal of the Geneva Liaison Office of the WEA which 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 and of religion, minority rights, social justice, development and good governance.

The team is currently composed of Michael Mutzner, permanent representative (part-time, Geneva-based), Albert Hengelaar, Advocacy and Development Officer (part-time, volunteer, remote), and Wissam al-Saliby, Advocacy Officer (full-time, Geneva-based). The Research and Advocacy Officer will join this team remotely, and put his or her skills to bridge between human rights advocacy by national Evangelical Alliances, and the United Nations human rights mechanisms in Geneva.

To apply, please send your cover letter, CV, letter of recommendation, writing sample (unedited by others), and the contact details of two reference persons to geneva@worldea.org, by 12 October 2020.

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Job description - Research and Advocacy Officer

Established in 1846, the World Evangelical Alliance (WEA) is a network of churches consisting of national evangelical alliances from over 130 different countries. The WEA brings 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. Established in 2012, the office ran a successful pilot phase following which the office recruited one full-time advocacy officer. Today, we are seeking to enlarge the team by hiring a second full time staff, a human rights researcher profile, in order to increase the impact and the quality of the service we offer to the Church, and beyond, to the world.

The Research and 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. Be part of an experienced team at WEA Geneva Liaison Office and within WEA at large.

Starting date: 1 December 2020 (preferred)

Duration: One year consultancy contract, renewable depending on funding.

Trial period: 3 months.

Employment: 100%

Compensation: based on several criteria including local standards, education and experience.

Reporting to: WEA Permanent Representative to the United Nations

Location: Remote; country of residence of the applicant, with travel to Geneva once or twice per year, namely during the March session of the Human Rights Council.

1. Principal tasks

The Research and Advocacy Officer's principal tasks are the following:

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- Lead the dialogue with national Evangelical Alliances (EA), church denominations and organizations (the EA being the principal gate to build partnerships) on if and how UN human rights mechanisms can support their local advocacy efforts;
- Coordinate and facilitate EA involvement with the UN human rights mechanisms, in order to increase the influence of church leaders and the impact of their local advocacy on the development of their nations and achieve positive change;
- Facilitate the preparation of human rights reports that the Research and Advocacy Officer would write in full, or jointly with national actors;
- Research the relevant legal frameworks and how they apply to situation(s) brought up by our constituency, as well as research, using third party sources, the facts, analysis and recommendations for change related to the subject of our reporting;
- Assess the impact and outcomes for reporting and advocacy;
- Monitor the situation of human rights, namely the right to freedom of religion or belief, in specific priority countries;
- Stay abreast with developments related to freedom of religion or belief globally, and to advocacy efforts in support of religious freedom.

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
- Knowledge of the Evangelical Christians (branches, characteristics, history) and of the functioning of Evangelical alliances
- Committed Evangelical Christian and a passion to serve the Church in society

WEA Geneva Liaison Office has a preference for a candidate that enhances the global diversity of the team.

3. Status

The Research and Advocacy Officer will be employed for one year as a consultant for the World Evangelical Alliance. The salary will be fixed based on several criteria including local standards, education and experience.

The Research and Advocacy Officer works under the supervision of the WEA Permanent Representative to the UN in Geneva.

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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. Under all circumstances, the Advocacy and Development Officer is expected:

- To be led by a sincere desire to obey God;
- To identify with the WEA confession of faith;
- To apply biblical principles to his life and his work;
- To maintain a good 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;
- To respect cultural sensitivities;
- To make sure the positions transmitted at the UN reflect those of WEA and of the concerned EAs.

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