

WORLD EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE POSITION DESCRIPTION



KEY POSITION INFORMATION	
Job Title	Permanent Representative of the WEA to the UN in New York
Reports to	Director of Global Advocacy
Department	WEA Global Advocacy Team
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Established in 1846, the World Evangelical Alliance (WEA) is a global network of churches and organizations consisting of national evangelical alliances in more than 164 countries and over 100 international partner organizations. Together, they represent over 600 million evangelical Christians worldwide. The WEA is registered as a non-governmental organization in Special Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and has had this special status since 1997.

PURPOSE OF DEPARTMENT:

Since 1997, the World Evangelical Alliance has been 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 and the values it stands for, which are also reflected in the UN Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

PURPOSE OF POSITION:

The Permanent Representative of the WEA to the United Nations in New York serves as the **principal advocate and representative** of the global evangelical community at UN Headquarters. The role ensures that evangelical voices contribute constructively to deliberations on peace and security, human rights, sustainable development, and humanitarian priorities. Until an office director can be established, the PR will also oversee the NYC office to set direction and manage volunteers.

In close coordination with the WEA offices in Geneva and across the department, the Permanent Representative leads the **New York** portfolio, focusing on the political and diplomatic agenda of the UN General Assembly, Security Council, ECOSOC, and related high-level processes.

CORE RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Advocacy and Representation

- Serve as the recognized voice of the WEA at UN Headquarters in New York.
- Engage with the General Assembly's **First Committee (disarmament and security)**, **Second Committee (economic and development)**, and **Third Committee (human rights and humanitarian issues)**.
- Advocate for peace and human security, human trafficking prevention, women's equality, and religious freedom, ensuring these priorities are visible in the political agenda.
- Participate in and monitor Security Council discussions, ECOSOC processes, and high-level summits (e.g., SDG Summit, High-Level Political Forum) to identify possible areas for impact.
- Maintain relationships with relevant UN agencies, diplomatic missions, and civil society networks.

2. Constituency Engagement

- Act as a **hub** for WEA national alliances, commissions, and networks by alerting them to opportunities for input at UN Headquarters.
- Facilitate access for evangelical leaders and experts to contribute directly to UN discussions through briefings, side events, and consultations.
- Coordinate with WEA commissions (e.g., Peace & Reconciliation, Human Trafficking Network, Women's Commission) to translate grassroots priorities into UN advocacy.

3. Strategic Coordination

- Work in close collaboration with the WEA **Geneva Office** on freedom of religion or belief (FoRB) and human rights matters, ensuring alignment across both locations.
- Collaborate with the WEA **Global Advocacy Department** to set annual priorities and develop a unified advocacy strategy.
- Maintain WEA's ECOSOC consultative status by fulfilling reporting obligations and coordinating accreditations for WEA representatives at the UN.

4. Leadership and Administration

- Oversee staff within the New York office, ensuring effective team management and coordination.
- Provide timely updates and briefings to the WEA Director of Global Advocacy and other senior leadership.
- Contribute to a positive reputation for the WEA at the UN by practicing first-level diplomacy with discretion, professionalism, and integrity.
- Create an annual impact report of the office and submit it to the director of Global Advocacy by Jan 15 each year.

5. Fundraising and Reporting

- Develop and implement a **fundraising strategy** to sustain the operations of the New York UN Office, working with the Global Advocacy Department and WEA leadership to cultivate donors and partners.
- Contribute to grant proposals and maintain donor relationships through timely communication and accountability.
- Prepare and publish an **Annual Impact Report** showcasing the advocacy achievements, constituency engagement, and global influence of the New York UN Office.
- Ensure that fundraising and reporting efforts reinforce the credibility and visibility of the WEA's mission at the UN.

Qualifications and Requirements

- Deep personal commitment to the Jesus of the Bible, a sincere desire to obey God, and alignment with the **WEA Statement of Faith**.
- Consistent Evangelical presence marked by truth spoken in love, respect, and humility.
- Demonstrated experience in international diplomacy, advocacy, or high-level representation, preferably at or with multilateral institutions.
- Knowledge of the UN system, especially the General Assembly, Security Council, and ECOSOC.
- Strong networking and relationship-building skills across diverse cultural and professional contexts.
- Excellent communication skills: capable of representing evangelical perspectives with clarity, humility, and respect.
- Ability to act as a peacemaker and bridge builder, seeking dialogue and speaking truth in love.
- Willingness and capacity to raise salary support, as this position is funded on a case-by-case basis through external support.

People Values of WEA

- Relational:** Relationships are key as we collaborate across evangelicals around the world.
- We do not work in silos but actively welcome cooperation.
 - We want to abide by an open consultative management style.
 - We will develop respectful relationships across the levels of the organizations as well as with external members.

	<i>Excellence:</i> Our work is not mere performance. We want to support our people to work out of their gifts and for their work to be reflective of their service unto God. - Our work responsibilities are clearly articulated and are reflective of individual spiritual gifts. - We want to recognize the value of an individual's gifts and help them actively develop them while serving at WEA. - Our collective work efforts will be channeled to develop strong and dynamic background systems within the organization. <i>Humility:</i> As Christ followers, we recognize that it is Christ who qualifies us and enables us in our ministry. We do not have all the answers, we do not need to position ourselves. - We are committed to continuous improvement. - We are freed to be who we are created to be. - We are not arrogant of our position and our achievements. <i>Globally oriented:</i> Evangelicals all around the globe are made in the image of God. Representing this diversity, our operations will intentionally seek out different voices and unite them based on the gospel - We are diverse. - Our united voice reflects our diversity. Together our voice will be a force for good in this world.
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