

**Opening of the *Call for Applications* for the Italian Junior Professional Officers Programme  
(JPO Programme)  
2026 Edition**

The *Call for Applications* for 47 positions in the Italian Junior Professional Officers Programme 2026 is open. 14 positions are assigned to different entities of the United Nations Secretariat and 33 positions to 25 International Organizations, for a total of 24 different duty stations. 45 positions are reserved for Italian nationals while 2 positions are reserved for candidates from developing countries.

The job description of each JPO position can be accessed via the relevant link provided on the UN/DESA webpage [www.undesa.it](http://www.undesa.it).

The deadline for submitting applications to the 2026 round of the Italian JPO Programme is **Tuesday, 5 May 2026 at 3 p.m. (Italy local time)**.

The Italian JPO Programme is a multilateral development cooperation initiative sponsored by the Government of Italy through the Directorate General for Development Cooperation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and implemented by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN/DESA). It enables qualified Italian nationals and nationals of eligible developing countries to gain work experience with international organizations for a period of two years, with the possibility of a further one-year extension.

The purpose of the Programme is two-fold:

- a) to assist international organizations in carrying out their activities by providing them with young talents.
- b) to allow qualified young professionals seeking an international career to gain valid experience that could broaden their chances of recruitment in international organizations or in the international field.

Candidates interested in applying must access the dedicated online platform (OWA) and follow the instructions provided to apply for the chosen position(s). Candidates can apply for a **maximum of two positions**.

The **general** admission requirements for Italian nationals are as follows:

- Born on or after 1 January 1995 (1 January 1994 for graduates in Medicine; 1 January 1992 for graduates in Medicine who have already been awarded a post-graduate medical specialization degree)
- Italian nationality (Italian passport)
- Fluency in English and Italian (in all four areas: Read, Speak, Write, Understand)
- Advanced university degree awarded before the application deadline, such as:
  - *Laurea Magistrale/Specialistica*
  - *Laurea Magistrale a ciclo unico*
  - University master's degree awarded after a *Laurea/Laurea Triennale*
  - University master's degree awarded after a bachelor's degree.

For admission to the Italy-funded JPO Programme by candidates from developing countries, the following **general** requirements must be met:

- Hold the nationality of one of the developing countries eligible for the position<sup>1</sup>
- Born on or after 1 January 1995 (1 January 1994 for graduates in Medicine; 1 January 1992 for graduates in Medicine who have already been awarded a post-graduate medical specialization degree)
- Fluency in English (in all four areas: Read, Speak, Write, Understand)
- Advanced university degree awarded before the application deadline, such as:
  - *Laurea Magistrale/Specialistica*
  - *Laurea Magistrale a ciclo unico*
  - University master's degree awarded after a *Laurea/Laurea Triennale*
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For both Italian and foreign candidates admitted to the programme, the **specific** requirements for each position, such as years of professional experience, additional languages, specific academic qualifications or training, required competencies, etc., are indicated in the job descriptions posted online.

Before commencing the application process, it is strongly recommended that candidates consult the [How to Apply](#) webpage.

Applications to the Programme **can only be submitted online** through the *Online Web Application* tool (OWA) of the UN/DESA Office in Rome. Applications submitted through other channels will not be deemed valid.

For additional information, please consult the relevant webpages on [www.undesa.it](http://www.undesa.it) or email the UN/DESA Office in Rome at [JPOinfo@undesa.it](mailto:JPOinfo@undesa.it).

### List of JPO positions

| Organization               | Assignment   | Duty Station  |
|----------------------------|--|---------------|
| Alliance Bioversity & CIAT | Project Officer, Sustainable Cocoa Initiative, Digital Inclusion                             | Accra         |
| Alliance Bioversity & CIAT | Project Officer, Sustainable Cocoa Initiative, SPEC/Business Development and Diversification | Rome/Abidjan  |
| CDB                        | Risk Analyst (Climate Finance and Sustainable Development)                                   | Saint Michael |
| CIHEAM-IAMB                | Financial Officer, Accounting and Administration Area  | Bari          |
| EBRD                       | Associate Banker   | London        |
| FAO                        | JPO, Digital Agrifood System Specialist  | Abidjan       |
| FAO                        | JPO in Food Standards, CODEX Secretariat   | Rome          |

<sup>1</sup> Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Armenia, Bangladesh, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Central African Republic, Chad, Colombia, Comoros, Cote d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Iraq, Jordan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Moldova, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Niger, Pakistan, Palestine, Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tunisia, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania, Yemen, Zambia.

| Organization   | Assignment   | Duty Station |
|----------------|--|--------------|
| IAEA           | Associate Programme Support Officer (Atoms4Food), Joint FAO/IAEA Centre of Nuclear Techniques in Food and Agriculture  | Vienna       |
| ICO            | JPO, Access to Finance, Operations Division  | London       |
| IDLO           | Monitoring & Reporting Analyst   | Kampala      |
| IFAD           | Regional Technical Analyst, Office of Technical Delivery, Markets and Value Chains   | Abidjan      |
| IFAD           | Partnership Analyst (Member State Engagement) *  | Rome         |
| ILO            | JPO in Employment Creation and Development Cooperation Activities Coordination   | Amman        |
| IOM            | Migration Health Policy Officer  | Addis Ababa  |
| IOM            | Innovation Officer (Climate Action)  | Nairobi      |
| IRENA          | Associate Programme Officer, Project Facilitation and Support Division   | Abu Dhabi    |
| JIU            | JPO in Auditing and Evaluation   | Geneva       |
| OECD           | Junior Economist, OECD Development Centre, Economic Transformation and Development Division (ETD)  | Paris        |
| OECD           | Policy Analyst, Director's Office, Global Relations and Cooperation Directorate  | Paris        |
| OHCHR          | JPO in Human Rights, Human Rights and Disability Unit  | Geneva       |
| OPCW           | Associate Protocol and Political Affairs Officer   | The Hague    |
| UN/DESA        | JPO in Sustainable Development, Office of Intergovernmental Support and Coordination   | New York     |
| UN/DMSPC       | JPO in Programme Planning and Budgeting, Policy Coordination Unit, Programme Planning and Budget Division  | New York     |
| UN/DOS         | JPO in Unmanned Aviation and Supply Chain Innovation, Office of Supply Chain Management  | New York     |
| UN/DPPA-UN/DPO | JPO in Political Affairs, PBPSO  | New York     |
| UN/EOSG        | JPO in Political Affairs, Sustainable Development Unit   | New York     |
| UN/OCHA        | JPO in Humanitarian Affairs (Financial tracking), Assessment, Planning and Monitoring Branch (APMB) / Monitoring and Tools Section (MATS)  | Istanbul     |
| UN/OCHA        | JPO in Guidance, Learning and Knowledge Management, Guidance Learning and Reporting Section (GLRS) in Pooled Fund Management Branch (PFMB)   | New York     |
| UN/OSCDS       | JPO in Programme Analyst, United Nations Integrated Strategies for the Sahel (UNISS)   | Dakar        |
| UNDP           | Human Rights Analyst *   | Lilongwe     |
| UNDP           | Partnerships Development Analyst, Partnerships Group, Bureau of External Relations and Advocacy (BERA)   | New York     |
| UNEP           | Associate Intergovernmental Affairs Officer, Governance Affairs Office, Governing Bodies Unit  | Nairobi      |
| UNESCO         | Associate Programme Specialist, Division of Water Sciences, Section on Groundwater Sustainability and Water Cooperation (GSW), Division of Water Sciences, Natural Sciences Sector | Paris        |
| UNFPA          | Programme Analyst, Reproductive Health   | Nouakchott   |
| UN-HABITAT     | JPO, Urban and Regional Planning for Sustainable Urban Development, Planning and Finance Section, Global Solutions Division  | Nairobi      |
| UNHCR          | Associate Community-Based Protection Officer   | Addis Ababa  |
| UNICEF         | Adolescent Development Officer   | Amman        |
| UNICEF         | Gender Programme Officer   | Dakar        |

| <b>Organization</b> | <b>Assignment</b>  | <b>Duty Station</b> |
|---------------------|--|---------------------|
| UNIDO               | JPO, Division of Agribusiness and Infrastructure Development, Rural Development, Agro-industries and Industrial Parks Unit (IET/AGR/RAP), ACT Coffee Programme | Vienna              |
| UNIDO               | JPO, Corporate Services and Operations, Human Resource Management (COR/HRM)  | Vienna              |
| UNOCT               | JPO in Programme Management  | Rabat               |
| UNODC               | JPO in Drug Control and Crime Prevention (Border Management), Division of Operations, Border Management Branch, Passenger and Cargo Control Programme (PCCP)   | Abidjan             |
| UNOPS               | Partnerships Analyst   | Jerusalem           |
| UNOV                | JPO in Human Resources, UNOV/UNODC   | Vienna              |
| UNRCO               | JPO in Development Coordination Partnership  | Cairo               |
| WFP                 | Procurement Officer, Supply Chain Unit   | Addis Ababa         |
| World Bank          | JPO, Education Reform Evidence, Performance and Learning, GPE Secretariat  | Washington          |

\* Positions reserved for candidates from developing countries