



# How Volunteering Shapes Future Careers

United Nations Volunteers (UNV) Programme

# Today's host



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# House Keeping Rules

- You are muted by default. The chat function is disabled.
- If you have any questions, please submit them through Zoom Q&A button.
- The session will be recorded. The recording and presentation will be available on: Inter-Agency Career Week webpage



Due to the large number of participants in this session, we might not be able to respond to all of your questions.

Thank you for your understanding.



# Introducing our panelists

## Paul Menye

- Over 18 years of leadership experience in international and national development contexts.
- Since April 2024, serving as **UNV Regional Manager for West and Central Africa**; previously held multiple roles within UNV and UNDP (Senegal, Burkina Faso).
- Promotes volunteerism as a tool for sustainable development and to implement regional strategies aligned with the 2030 Agenda.
- Prior experience includes work with international organizations and NGOs across Eastern Europe, West and Central Africa.
- Holds master's degrees in Strategic Management and Organizational Psychology; currently a **PhD candidate in Diplomacy and International Relations** – fluent in French and English.



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## Iram Batool

- Over 15 years of experience leading humanitarian and development operations in conflict and post-conflict settings globally.
- Currently **Special Assistant to the UNDP Assistant Administrator** and Director of the Bureau of External Relations and Advocacy in New York.
- **Led multiple UN Volunteer (UNV) programmes** in countries such as Afghanistan, Haiti, South Sudan, Syria, and others – **focusing on crisis response and strategic partnerships.**
- Expertise in strategic planning, crisis coordination, resource mobilization, and capacity building.
- Holds an MBA; fluent in English and Urdu, with basic French – recognized for navigating complex political and humanitarian environments.





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## Chipo Nsalamina Simuusa

- Background in aviation regulation, airworthiness, and international flight operations compliance.
- Currently works as a **Compliance Monitoring Auditor at Norse Atlantic Airways**, ensuring EASA compliance in flight operations.
- **Served as a UN Volunteer with MONUSCO in the Democratic Republic of Congo**, supporting air operations in a diverse civilian-military environment.
- Brings expertise in aviation safety, auditing, quality assurance, and regulatory compliance.
- Committed to lifelong learning and passionate about teamwork.



# Our panelists



**Paul Menye**

Regional Manager, ROWCA,  
UNV



**Iram Batool**

Special Assistant to the Director  
of BERA, UNDP



**Chipo Nsalamina Simuusa**

Compliance Monitoring Auditor,  
Norse Atlantic Airways



# How to become a UN Volunteer



- **UVP:** One-stop shop for entire volunteer journey – go to [app.unv.org](https://app.unv.org)
- **Your UNV profile:** A summary of your qualifications, skills, and experience
- Find all available **Onsite** and **Online** volunteer assignments
- Create an **email alert** or check for matching assignments and **apply!**
- Discover useful resources in UVP's [Explore section](#)



# Tips for applying: Build an outstanding UNV Profile



## Read the Description of Assignment (DoA) carefully!



Ensure your years of experience, studies and skills match the eligibility criteria and assignment requirements



Each opportunity is unique – Tailoring your application helps recruiters see why you're the right fit



### Key tips



Provide clear, detailed descriptions of your past roles



Highlight relevant skills, certifications, and languages



Keep your profile updated



Be truthful! Showcase your real experience—don't copy and paste from the DoA.



# UN Inter- Agency Career Week 2025 Agenda

16 - 20 June



	Monday, 16 June	Tuesday, 17 June	Wednesday 18 June	Thursday 19 June	Friday, 20 June
03:00-04:00 (New York) 09:00-10:00 (Europe) 10:00-11:00 (Nairobi) 14:00-15:00 (Bangkok)	Pres (E) - Embracing Your Career Journey in a VUCA World - Unlocking the Power of Learning Agility	Pres (E) - Your career is more than your next job	PD (E) - Career Conversations with colleagues on Inter-Agency mobility	Pres (E) - Skills for the Future of Work	Pres (E) - NextGEN Talent Acquisition: Insights from Recruiters
04:30-05:30 (New York) 10:30-11:30 (Europe) 11:30-12:30 (Nairobi) 15:30-16:30 (Bangkok)	Pres (E) - Charting your Blue Ocean: Identifying Emerging Opportunities and In-Demand Roles	PD (F) - Conversation de Carrière (Parcours Leadership)	Pres (E) - Navigating Inter-agency moves: key questions to consider	PD (F) - Conversations de carrière avec des collègues sur la mobilité inter-agences	Pres (E) - Demystifying Job Searching in the UN System
06:00-07:00 (New York) 12:00-13:00 (Europe) 13:00-14:00 (Nairobi) 17:00-18:00 (Bangkok)	Clinic (F) - Optimisez votre PHP : Clés pour une Candidature Réussie	Clinic (F) - Entretien basé sur les compétences pour les candidats	Clinic (F) - Réseautage Stratégique : Créer des liens, créer des chances	Pres (E) - Your application and the process	PD (E) - Recruitment for Global Impact: Insights from Purpose-Driven Organizations
07:30-08:30 (New York) 13:30-14:30 (Europe) 14:30-15:30 (Nairobi) 18:30-19:30 (Bangkok)	Clinic (E) - Successfully crafting your Personal History Profile / P11	Clinic (E) - CBI for applicants	Clinic (E) - Demystifying Networking for Career growth	Clinic (E) - Career Pivot into the Private Sector	PD (E) - How Volunteering Shapes Future Careers
09:00-10:00 (New York) 15:00-16:00 (Europe) 16:00-17:00 (Nairobi) 20:00-21:00 (Bangkok)	Keynote Speakers (E) - Pursuing your Success : Skills for Career Development	Keynote Speakers (E) - Unlocking Career Potential: The Power of Continuous Learning and Training	Keynote Speakers (E) - A holistic approach to career development	Keynote Speakers (E) - Onto the Balcony: Leadership Insights from a Personal Journey	Keynote Speakers (E) - Keynote Address by David Bearfield (UNDP)
10:30-11:30 (New York) 16:30-17:30 (Europe) 17:30-18:30 (Nairobi) 21:30-22:30 (Bangkok)	Pres (E) - Your Personal Journey	PD (E) - The Leadership Equation: Integrity, Innovation, and Impact	PD (E) - Getting into the international professional category - Moving to a different UN Organization	PD (E) - Career Conversations with colleagues on Interns and Fellows	Pres (E) - Creating Your Personal Learning Strategy
12:00-13:00 (New York) 18:00-19:00 (Europe) 19:00-20:00 (Nairobi) 23:00-00:00 (Bangkok)	Pres (S) - El CV como herramienta de impacto	Pres (E) - Branding from the Inside Out: Authenticity and EQ in Action	Clinic (S) - Desmitificando el Networking para el Crecimiento Profesional	Pres (E) - From Federal to Civilian: Resumes & Job Search Strategies	Clinic (S) - CBI para solicitantes
13:30-14:30 (New York) 19:30-20:30 (Europe) 20:30-21:30 (Nairobi) 00:30 <sup>-1</sup> -01:30 <sup>-1</sup> (Bangkok)	Pres (E) - A Mind-Blowing Tour of AI Tools to Accelerate Your Career	PD (S) - Voces de Impacto: Liderazgo que Transforma	Pres (E) - Resilience and Adaptability in times of change: "Bending without breaking"	PD (E) - Navigating and supporting the careers of women in the UN system	Pres (E) - CV writing - transforming tasks into achievements
15:00-16:00 (New York) 21:00-22:00 (Europe) 22:00-23:00 (Nairobi) 01:00 <sup>-1</sup> -02:00 <sup>-1</sup> (Bangkok)	Pres (S) - Entrevistas de trabajo eficaces en el sistema de las Naciones Unidas	Pres (E) - Effective Interviewing Skills in the UN	Pres (S) - Cómo completar un perfil para solicitar un puesto de manera efectiva	Pres (E) - Step Into your Future: How to set big goals and unlock your potential as a leader	Pres (E) - Reset and Recharge: Reconnecting with what grounds us





# THANK YOU! MERCI ! ¡GRACIAS!

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