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Vacancy Announcement

Municipal Alliance for Peace (MAP) Liaison Officer at the Association of Palestinian Local Authorities (APLA).

Position Title: MAP Liaison Officer
Contract Duration: 9 months, with possible extension
Duty Station: Jerusalem
Deadline: 1 April 2008

A) Background:

The Municipal Alliance for Peace, or MAP, is a joint initiative of the Palestinian, Israeli and international municipalities to promote peace and mutual understanding among their citizens. MAP aims to achieve this through trilateral municipal cooperation between Palestinian, Israeli and international municipalities.

MAP has been established to support the establishment of security, peace and prosperity between Palestinian and Israeli citizens through municipal cooperation. The partners that work together under MAP acknowledge that it is the obligation and responsibility of the local authorities to pro-actively work towards ending the conflict in the Middle East by finding ways in which Palestinian and Israeli citizens can peacefully live side by side in two states, Palestine and Israel.. The municipal alliance is convinced that the only manner to achieve this is through mutual dialogue and cooperation, whereby the Palestinian and Israeli local authorities can work as partners and address mutual problems that can benefit both sides. This can be facilitated through on-the-ground cooperation, at local level, and by creating broad-based support among Palestinian and Israeli citizens.

An international board of municipalities, their representative organisations and international organisations has been established to guide MAP. In addition, a joint MAP secretariat has been established in Jerusalem to assist the municipalities in implementing their trilateral partnership, ensure exchange and cross-fertilization among the initiatives and assist in PR and lobbying activities. Besides this secretariat, both the Association of Palestinian Local Authorities (APLA) and the Union of Local Authorities of Israel (ULAI) will assign a MAP liaison officer to assist, respectively, the Palestinian and Israeli municipalities in developing and implementing their local action plans with local citizens' groups.

B) Duties and Responsibilities

Under the direct supervision of the Principal Project Coordinator/Chief Technical Advisor (PPC/CTA) and in a matrix management arrangement with the Programme Analyst, the Liaison Officer's **overall responsibility is:** to assist the Palestinian Municipalities with managing their cooperative municipal activities under MAP, and also to ensure mutual learning and cross-fertilization among the various MAP activities and to support the joint MAP secretariat. To do so the core functions of the liaison officer include:



- i) Support political lobbying (particularly with the Palestinian and Israeli political leadership and at international level);
- ii) Facilitate MAP partners in the formulation and implementation of local action plans;
- iii) Coordinate activities: focus, coherence, mutual learning and cross-fertilization; and
- iv) Assess and help develop new proposals and resource mobilisation.

C) Corporate Competencies

- Demonstrates ability to develop, manage, and monitor programs
- Demonstrates strong analytical and communication skills.
- Demonstrates capacity to manage all project cycles, including project formulation, monitoring, reporting and evaluation.
- Demonstrates ability to work efficiently and independently under pressure, with strong delivery orientation

D) Required skills and experience:

- University degree in international relations, public administration or relevant fields;
- Minimum three years of experience in administration and coordination with international organisations.
- Excellent analytical skills.
- Capable of reviewing and writing proposals and reports according to international standards;
- Knowledge of international municipal cooperation;
- Experience in international relations and international organisations;
- Excellent PR skills; promote MAP to the general public and international organisations working in Palestine;
- Willing to travel within West Bank and Gaza, as well as to Jerusalem and abroad;
- Excellent partnership management with international organisations, municipalities and associations;
- Excellent Communication both Arabic and English; fluency in Hebrew desirable

To Apply:

- Interested candidates should apply by accessing <http://jobs.undp.ps> and completing the on-line application.
- Deadline: **1 April 2008**

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