

United Nations Volunteers

Introduction to UNV & Learning Offer

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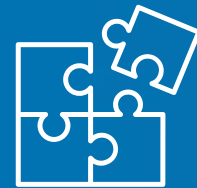
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Your journey as a candidate



**What is UNV
all about?**



**How do I find
the right
assignment
for me?**



**How do I apply
through UVP?**



**How to
prepare for
the
recruitment
process?**

Your Candidate Portal on UNV eCampus



Your next steps to apply for a UN Volunteer assignment

You have successfully registered on the Unified Volunteering Platform (UVP).
We are excited to see your interest in volunteering with UNV!

To guide you through your next steps, this page will help you understand what UNV is all about, how to identify the right volunteer assignment for you, and how to apply through the Unified Volunteering Platform (UVP).

1 About UNV

Find assignments

Apply

Prepare

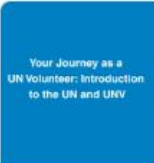
Declare

What is UNV all about?

As you explore volunteering opportunities with UNV, it is helpful to first understand the role of UN Volunteers within the United Nations system and the impact volunteerism has in supporting peace and development worldwide.

UN Volunteers contribute their time, skills, and experience to support the work of UN agencies, funds, and programmes in over 160 countries. Through their assignments, volunteers help strengthen local capacities, promote sustainable development, and bring the spirit of volunteerism into UN operations.

To learn more about the UNV programme, its mission, and how volunteers contribute to the work of the United Nations, we recommend exploring the following course:



Your Journey as a UN Volunteer: Introduction to the UN and UNV

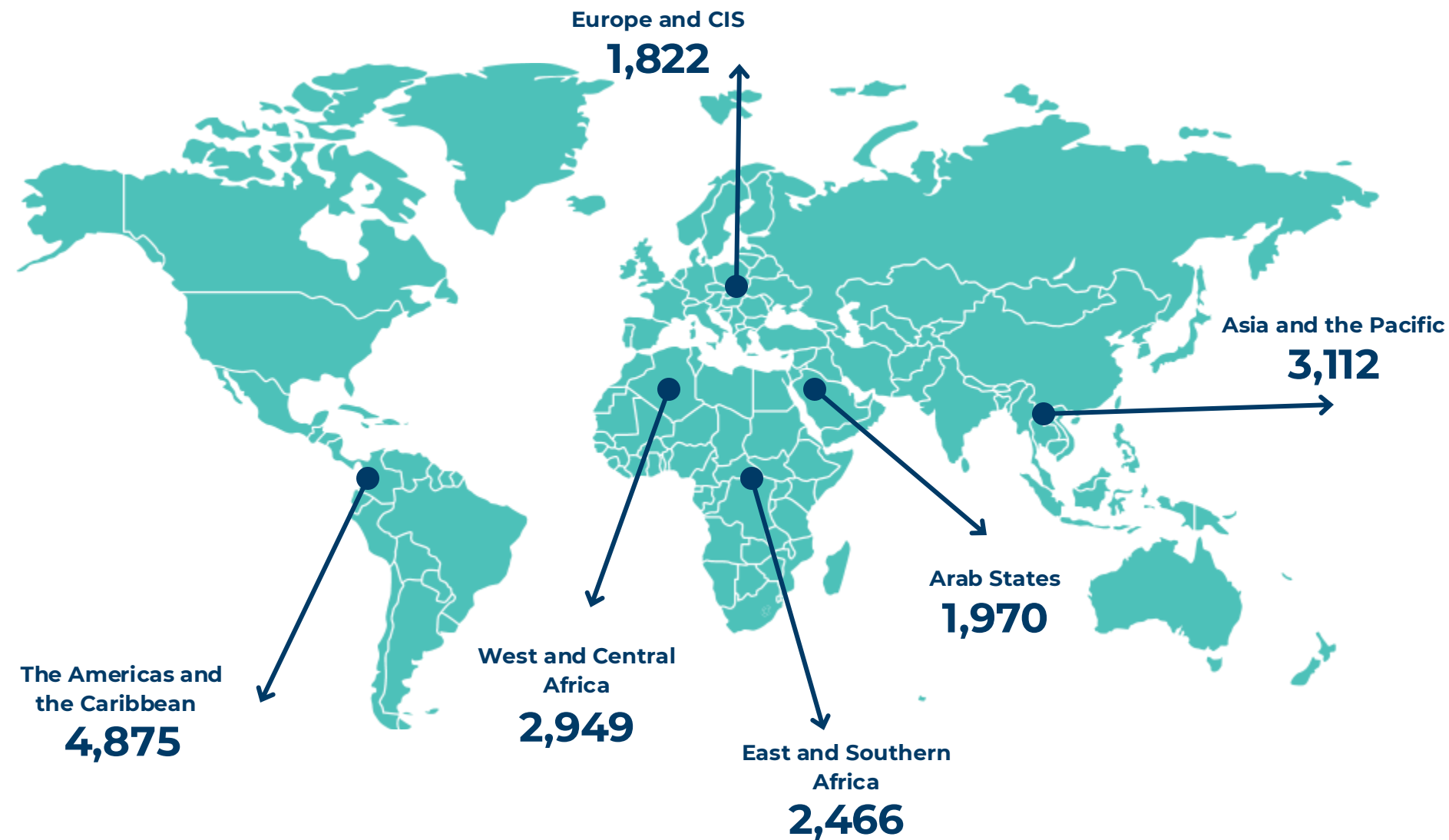


E-COURSE
Your Journey as a UN Volunteer: Introduction to the UN and UNV
Available on UNV eCampus

**Your guide from
registration on
UVP to
preparation for
recruitment
process**

[Explore it here!](#)

UN Volunteers in 2025



17,169
UN Volunteers
served

Assignments in
172 Countries and
Territories

90% of
UN Volunteers from
the Global South



60% Women



22% International
UN Volunteers



78% National UN
Volunteers



182 Nationalities



33 Average age

UNV Categories

If you are between **18 - 80 years old**, you are eligible to apply to our volunteering opportunities in your home country or abroad.

National (Full-time, part-time) National (Full-time, part-time) AND International (Full-time)	 UN Community Volunteer • No minimum experience • Serving period: 1-48 months	} Onsite (UN Offices) / Remote
	 UN Volunteer Associate • Experience: 1+ months • Serving period: 1-48 months	
	 UN Volunteer Specialist • Experience: 3+ years • Serving period: 1-48 months	
	 UN Volunteer Expert • Experience: 7+ years • Serving period: 1-48 months	



Online Volunteering



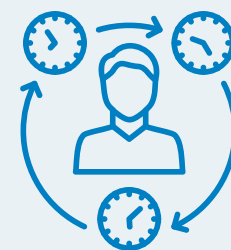
Task-based

Contribute to a wide range of activities



Short-term

Up to twelve weeks



Flexible

At your own schedule

What's in it for you?

Online Volunteers* gain **practical experience** and **build networks** with UN entities, governments, and civil society organizations worldwide. Upon completing their assignment, they receive an official certificate of appreciation — a recognition of their valuable contribution.

*no financial compensation is available for online volunteering roles



Benefits for UN Volunteers

We encourage broad and inclusive participation, and therefore offer benefits designed to ensure a basic standard of living while you serve as a contracted UN Volunteer.

Benefits include:



[Monthly living allowance: app.unv.org/calculator](https://app.unv.org/calculator)



Life, disability, and medical insurance



Annual leave



Travel allowance for international UN Volunteers



Reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities



Learning opportunities

See more on our [UNV Conditions of Service](#)

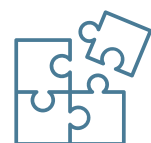


UNV Learning Portfolio

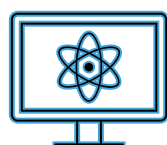
UN Volunteers have access to a huge learning offer supporting them in their first weeks, during the assignment and in the transition to the next career step.



5 Portfolio Areas



25+ different learning offers



Live online, onsite, self-paced, audio



Available in EN, ES, FR, PT, AR



Certification for special courses & initiatives

Find the entire learning portfolio here: [EN](#), [ES](#), [FR](#), [AR](#)

UNV LEARNING PORTFOLIO



Scan the QR code to watch a video on UNV learning experiences for UN Volunteers!

UN Volunteers access a comprehensive journey on UNV eCampus, combining five varied learning experiences, to provide essential skills for their current and future roles. This approach emphasizes personalized and continuous learning, tailored to their evolving needs during their assignment. It's our commitment to nurturing the full potential of our UN Volunteers.

Five Comprehensive Learning Experiences

ONBOARDING

An enabling programme to ensure that UN Volunteers are effective from the start, including step-by-step recruitment support, guided learning on UNV Conditions of Service, and a 90-day onboarding plan.

SKILLS SURGE

A set of initiatives to elevate competencies in leadership, productivity, languages, and UN competency-based collections, including free access to leading learning platforms and individual coaching.

EMPOWER FOR CHANGE

Empowering UN Volunteers to champion positive transformations, promote inclusivity, and embody UN values through learning on Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Harassment, Inclusion and speaking up with confidence.

CONNECT & LEARN

UN Volunteers share their experiences, fostering a culture of mutual learning. These programmes include volunteer-led initiatives to provide effective on-the-ground solutions, addressing assignment-specific needs while promoting collaborative learning and networking.

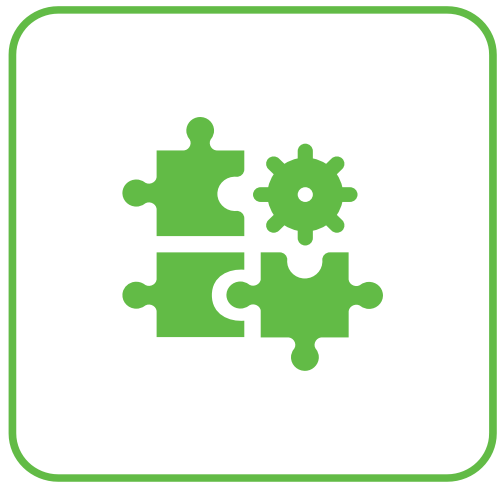
CAREER CRAFT

A robust offering featuring group and individual career coaching, online workshops, and a blended learning programme to support UN Volunteers actively manage their career.

* mandatory courses self-paced live online onsite audio



Learning Opportunities for UN Volunteers*



Onboarding

- Global Onboarding Workshop
- Onboarding Portal with 90-day guide



Skill Surge

- LinkedIn Learning
- Future Skills Masterclass
- Rosetta Stone



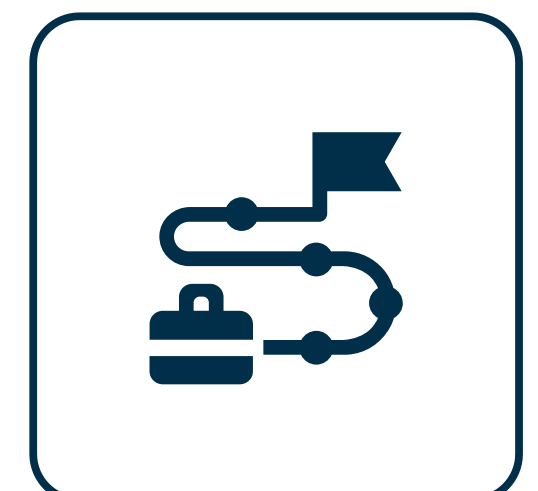
Empower for Change

- Prevention of Sexual Exploitation, Abuse & Harassment
- SpeakUp programme



Connect & Learn

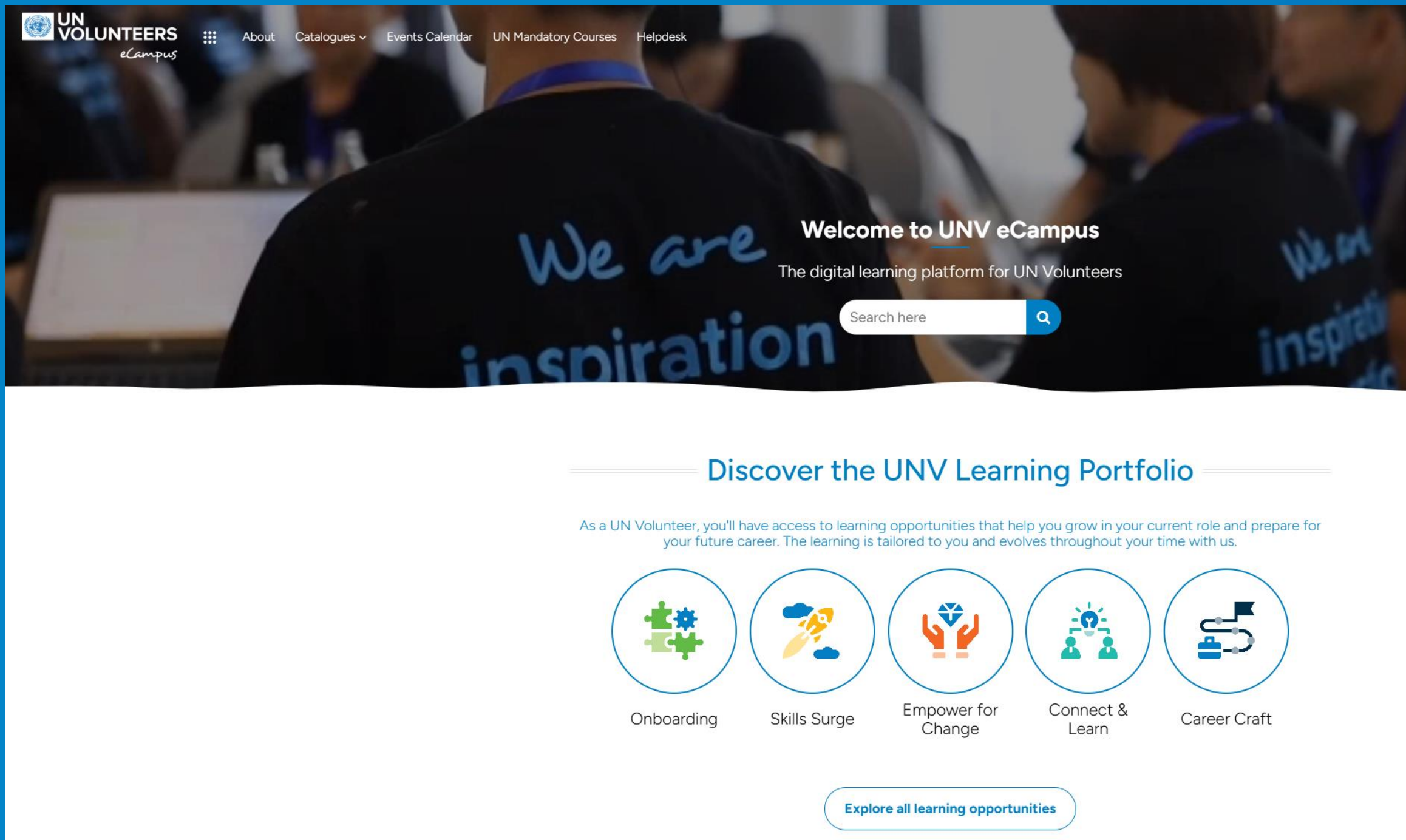
- You, We, Us – Volunteer-led webinars
- UNV Connect



Career Craft

- SHIFT Career Management Programme
- LeadForward Masterclass

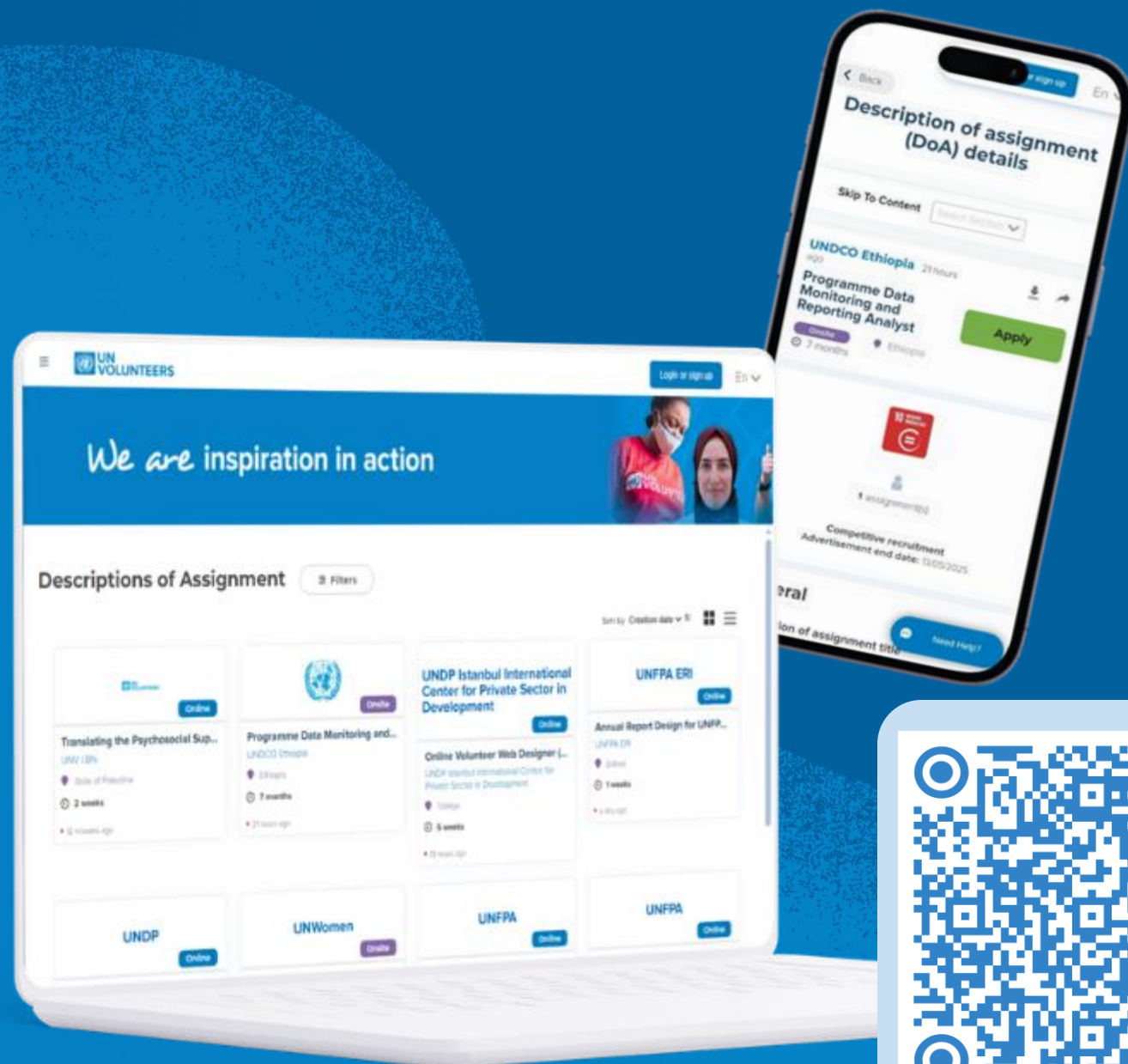
UNV Learning Platform eCampus



Available resources for you today:

- [Candidate Portal](#)
 - [eCourse](#)
 - [‘Becoming a UN Volunteer’](#)
- [Tips for your application](#)

Where to start...



- **Explore the Unified Volunteer Platform (UVP):** Visit app.unv.org to find all available volunteer opportunities.
- **Tailor your search:** Use filters such as duty station, area of expertise, and assignment type (national or international) to find opportunities that match your interests.
- **Create your UNV profile:** Register to the platform and complete your profile. Summarize your qualifications, skills and experience – this is your business card!



QUICK TIPS

- **Read the Description of Assignment (DoA) carefully!** Before applying, check that your experience, studies and skills match the eligibility criteria and requirements
- Keep your UNV profile **up to date**

How to Make Your Profile Stand Out



Reflects you

Who you are as a professional, and Your personal “brand”

Knowledge * Skills * Achievements * Interests * Values and beliefs



- List **in order of relevance** your “major activities”, per employment
- **Be clear:** keeping in mind your audience
- Include **keywords about “you” and your field**
- List your **achievements:** actual and measurable results!
- Include **all languages**, “mother tongue” too
- On “Other qualifications”, list **relevant courses** and **ongoing degrees**
- Include **“Computer skills”**



How to Make Your Profile Stand Out



Is engaging

Eye-catching,
substantially
interesting

Attractive * Well-written * Organized



- **"Satisfient"** Detailed enough to introduce you, concise enough to maintain the interest
- A **professional text**, well drafted, nice to read
- Beware of **CAPITAL / lowercase** letters
- Define **acronyms**
- Use **bullet points**
- Don't be repetitive



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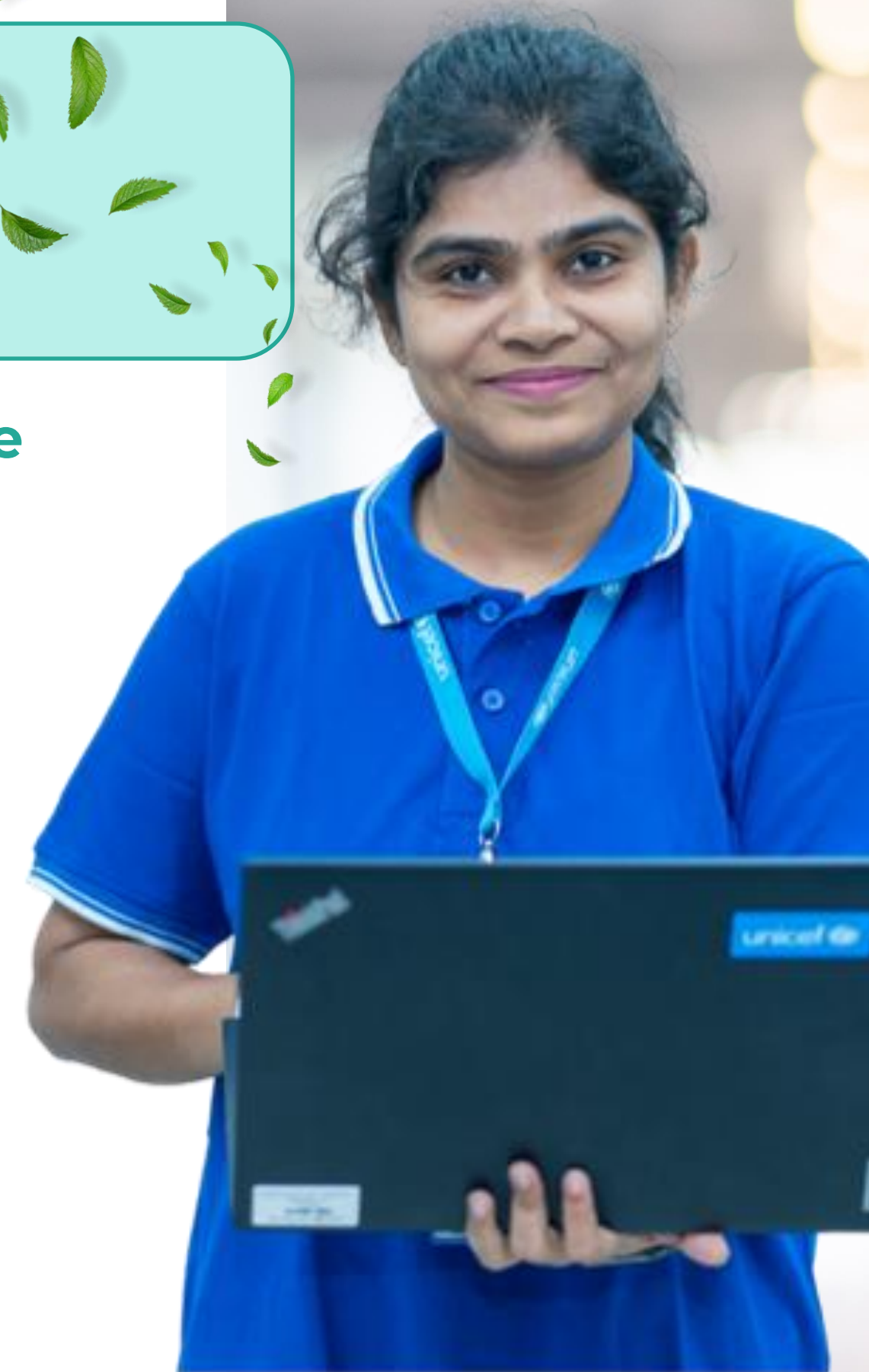
Is authentic

Contains accurate information and shows transparency

Written by you * Honest statements * Can be proved * One Profile



- **Tailoring your Profile** to the Assignment: YES!
A direct copy of DoA Tasks: NO.
- **AI**: Just used in an **ethical** way
- **Accurate academic degrees**, realistic language levels, ...
- Attached **documents must support what is written**
- **Don't Oversell Yourself!**



Recruitment process for UNV assignments



Useful Resources



Current
Opportunities:
app.unv.org



Coffee Break
with UNV
Recruiters:
[Video Series](#)



Your UNV Guide:
How-to
**[YouTube
playlist](#)**



UNV's
Conditions
of Service:
**[Conditions
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