

**Vacancy Announcement**  
**TERMS OF REFERENCE**

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<b>ORGANIZATION:</b>	<b>United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)</b>
<b>FUNCTIONAL TITLE:</b>	Urban Planner
<b>DUTY STATION:</b>	Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India
<b>DURATION:</b>	12 months
<b>TYPE OF CONTRACT:</b>	Service Contract SB3/2 through UNDP India ( <i>contract will be issued subject to availability of funds from the Donor</i> )

**Background:**

Urban projections suggest that in thirty years, two thirds of the world's population will live in urban areas. Urban growth rates have started to level out in much of the world, but continue very high in most of Africa and Asia, where 90 percent of the projected increase will occur, and where resources are most constrained and development challenges most intense. A third of the urban population is estimated to live in slums and informal settlements, often without access to proper housing, infrastructure, or services.

There is a critical need for national governments and the development assistance community to provide more support to local governments and bridge the divide between these local actors to effectively implement global urban frameworks. The present moment, in which the SDGs are being monitored and the Paris Agreement and New Urban Agenda have come into force, creates an unprecedented window of opportunity to integrate an urban perspective across the UN system at the country level

Rapid urbanization in India will be one of the most dominant trends in the coming decades. As population expands and incomes grow, this shift will likely lead to an increased demand for urban amenities like housing, energy, transport, water, and waste disposal. It is estimated that more than half of India's urban infrastructure of 2030 is yet to be built.

UN-Habitat in India is implementing projects on integrated sustainable strategies into urban planning and management with the end view of achieving the goals of ongoing city-related government projects hoping to achieve livable, workable, and sustainable cities. The focus areas at the country-level include urban ecology and comprehensive strategy for city level public spaces and green/blue networks. Additionally, to respond to the needs of the youth and capitalize on India's youth dividend, programmes and projects aligned with the health and well-being of young people by actively engaging them in local urban governance. In addition, programmes for the training and capacity building of the youth in digital literacy and skills will also be designed and implemented.

### **Duties and Responsibilities:**

Under the overall supervision of the Country Programme Manager, UN-Habitat India, the Urban Planner to be based in Bhubaneswar will work under overall guidance of the Senior Urban Planner, UN-Habitat India and will be responsible to undertake the following activities:

1. Provide technical inputs to build information and analysis on urbanization and climate change and their resultant impact on economic and social outcomes specially for vulnerable sections;
2. Undertake quantitative assessments of large datasets, including building data inventory, modelling, and forecasting on urbanization using GIS and other spatial analytical tools;
3. Prepare urban sustainability and resilience assessment report of cities including identifying gaps and opportunities in the planning process for multi-scale decision making;
4. Develop spatial maps based on urban sustainability and resilience report, including, risk and vulnerability maps, land use, environmental features, and on other urban development sectors;
5. Plan and facilitate online and in-person workshops with community and local authorities to draft multi-sectoral and incremental area-based plans and citywide sustainable strategies (as applicable) that comprise priority interventions for improving basic services, low carbon infrastructure and environment through nature-based solutions and environment-friendly approaches for sustainable and resilient development; ensure compliance with minimum planning requirements, bye laws and zoning codes; plans to be endorsed by local authorities;
6. Coordinate and facilitate various trainings, workshops, stakeholders' consultations, and other related activities in target cities, especially on:
  - a. Promoting the use of indicators and planning tools and formation of action plans for developing sustainable city plans;
  - b. On other topics as agreed upon mutually with the government partner;
  - c. Prepare workshop summary reports as needed;
7. Provide day-to-day technical support and facilitate smooth project implementation as per the agreed workplan for implementation of various activities under the project;
8. Develop a knowledge base of best practices, lessons learnt, experiences and stories to address nexus between urbanization, climate change, urban environment etc.;
9. Support Country Office in New Delhi to establish and/or maintain relations with relevant stakeholders to promote innovations in areas of sustainable urbanization, housing and clean energy;
10. Prepare presentations, sectoral flyers and brochures for participation in national and global events; and
11. Perform and undertake any other tasks, as assigned by the Country Programme Manager, UN-Habitat India.

### **Qualifications:**

**Education:** Advanced university degree (Master's degree or equivalent) in engineering, architecture, urban planning/ design, urban studies, or related technical field from reputed universities; or first university degree with additional 2 years relevant experience in lieu of the advanced university degree.

**Work Experience:** At minimum of three (03) year's progressively responsible experience in the field of city planning and information systems. Experience of working with UN system and other international organizations/ projects will be considered as an advantage. Ability to use latest software such as ArcGIS, Excel, Photoshop, AutoCAD, InDesign and similar others for design and analysis will be an added advantage.

#### **Competencies:**

**Professionalism:** Sound analytical and problem-solving skills, plus ability to handle a range of equipment used in communication.

**Teamwork:** Ability to establish and maintain effective partnerships and working relations in a multi-cultural, multi-ethnic environment with sensitivity and respect for diversity.

**Planning & Organizing:** Ability to work with minimal supervision, under the pressure of frequent and tight deadlines often in difficult and demanding conditions.

**Communication:** Excellent communication (spoken and written) skills and demonstrated ability to explain UN security policies and procedures.

**Client Orientation:** Professional and courteous attitude and demonstrated ability to work effectively in a stressful environment. Receptive towards client needs. Understands that those provided services are clients and seek to see things from a client perspective. Maintains tact and diplomacy at all times.

**Global Mandates and Frameworks Knowledge:** Knowledge of Sustainable Development Goals, Paris Climate Agreement of 2015, New Urban Agenda, 2030 Agenda and other pertinent global mandates, their status and application.

**Language:** Excellent communication and fluency in English is required, any other national or official UN language would be an asset. Local language Oriya would be preferred.

#### **Reporting Arrangements:**

Urban Planner shall report to Country Programme Manager, UN-Habitat India and Senior Urban Planner, UN-Habitat India.

#### **How to Apply:**

Interested and qualified candidates are requested to please indicate their immediate availability to undertake the assignment as per terms of reference above. The application must be accompanied with a completed UN Personal History Form (P11). Please download the form (MS-Word) from UN-Habitat ROAP website [https://fukuoka.unhabitat.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Personal\\_History\\_P11-1.doc](https://fukuoka.unhabitat.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Personal_History_P11-1.doc)

The application should comprise of:

- Completed UN Personal History Form (P11)
- Recent Curriculum Vitae (CV)

Please indicate the Post Title: "**Urban Planner, Bhubaneswar**" in your email subject and send it to: [unhabitat.india@un.org](mailto:unhabitat.india@un.org)

Please note that applications received after the closing date stated below, will not be given consideration. Only short-listed candidates whose applications respond to the above criteria will be contacted for an interview. Overall remuneration will be determined according to the qualifications, skills and relevant experience of the selected candidate. In line with UN-Habitat policy on gender equity, applications from female candidates will be particularly welcome.

***Deadline for application: [Friday, 09<sup>th</sup> September 2022 before 05.30 pm \(IST\)](#)***

Due to a large number of applications expected, only short-listed candidates will be contacted. The United Nations shall place no restrictions on the eligibility of men and women to participate in any capacity and under conditions of equality in its principal and subsidiary organs. (Charter of the United Nations - Chapter 3, article 8).