

United Nations Association of Australia National Independent Director

The United Nations Association of Australia (UNAA) is seeking expressions of interest for the position of Independent Director on its National Board.

The position

UNAA Independent Directors provide strategic advice and direction to the UNAA National Office as part of the National Board. The position is voluntary and unpaid, for a term of two years, with the option to nominate for one further term. Board members must be committed to promoting the UNAA and the work, goals and values of the United Nations (UN).

The chosen candidate will contribute and develop their skills and experience as part of the peak body for promoting the UN in Australia. The UNAA are seeking candidates external or internal, with knowledge and experience in fundraising, governance, the law, and working in and leading not for profits. Director qualifications and understanding of the UN are highly desirable, though not essential.

The UNAA

The UNAA is the peak body for promoting the work of the UN in Australia. This includes a particular focus on the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and policy issues affecting and important to Australians, such as the treatment of refugees and asylum seekers, climate change and the environment, gender equality and the rights of Indigenous Peoples. The UNAA runs a calendar of over 150 events per year, through teams across all Australian states and territories and national programs on SDGs, Climate Change, Human Rights, Refugees and Study Tours.

The commitment

UNAA Independent Directors provide advice and assistance to the National Executive Director, the National President and others as required, in addition to attending quarterly board meetings.

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Who can apply?

The role is open to all individuals based in Australia and with senior leadership experience. The role would particularly suit a candidate who has held or holds senior roles in business, the law, fundraising, politics, marketing or not-for-profits. Director qualifications and experience in or knowledge of the UN system are desirable, but not essential.

Applicants should be energetic and innovative leaders who demonstrate integrity and discretion and display a willingness to work on all manner of board and governance matters.

How to apply

Please send your CV and one-page expression of interest addressing the criteria below to National Executive Director, Lachlan Hunter at admin@unaa.org.au with the subject 'Independent Director recruitment'.

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted and feedback on individual applications will not be provided. For any more information contact admin@unaa.org.au.

Applications close 15 February 2019



Position description

Voluntary Contribution

Up to five hours per week, in addition to attendance of four board meetings per year.

Reporting

This role reports directly to the UNAA National Board as well as donors and stakeholders, and works in close consultation with the National Executive Director and National President.

Responsibilities

- Be an ambassador for the UNAA by growing the brand and increasing awareness of the UNAA, the goals of the UN, in particular the Sustainable Development Goals;
- Advocate for the UNAA to governments, business, academia and civil society;
- Ask for support of the UNAA with networks and personal connections;
- Provide strategic oversight of UNAA programs and activities;
- Actively support and create fundraising initiatives and opportunities;
- Ensure the UNAA acts according to its mission and purpose, meets its legal responsibilities, and is accountable to donors and stakeholders;
- Contribute to setting and implementing strategic direction;
- Contribute to or write papers and thought leadership on subject expertise; and
- Always act in the best interests of the UNAA's overall charitable objectives and goals.

Selection criteria

Essential

- Experience supporting sustainable programs in a fundraising, governance or legal capacity;
- Experience in setting and reviewing strategy and direction;
- Ability to be collaborative and influence change;
- Ability to question and challenge decisions, including of fellow Board members;
- Experience in overseeing compliance and risk; and
- Understanding of and ability to communicate the value of diversity.

Desirable

- Director qualifications; and
- Experience in or knowledge of the UN system.