



International Organization for Migration (IOM)
The UN Migration Agency

SVN-2023-034

Position Title : **Senior Operations Assistant - Movements – Unit OPS (1 position)**

Duty Station : **SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA**

Classification : **G-6**

Type of Appointment : **Special Short Term, 6 months**

Estimated Start Date : **As soon as possible**

Closing Date : **January 23rd, 2024**

Established in 1951, IOM is a Related Organization of the United Nations, and as the leading UN agency in the field of migration, works closely with governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental partners. IOM is dedicated to promoting humane and orderly migration for the benefit of all. It does so by providing services and advice to governments and migrants.

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) does not discriminate on the basis of disability, age, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, nationality, racial identity, religious beliefs, among others. IOM is committed to a diverse and inclusive environment and therefore its staff come from a wide range of socio-economic backgrounds and world perspectives. Candidates from women, people of African descent and LGBTIQ+ people who are qualified and meet the requirements of each vacancy are especially encouraged.

IOM is committed to a diverse and inclusive environment. Applications from qualified female candidates are especially encouraged. For the purpose of the vacancy, the following candidates are considered as first-tier candidates:

1. Internal candidates
2. Qualified applicants from the following NMS countries:

Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Belize, Benin, Burundi, Cambodia, Cape Verde, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Czech Republic, Comoros, Djibouti, El Salvador, Gabon, Gambia, Guyana, Holy See, Iceland, Israel, Lesotho, Libya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Maldives, Malta, Marshall Islands, Montenegro, Micronesia, Mongolia, Namibia, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Republic of Congo, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Seychelles, Somalia, Suriname, Swaziland, Tanzania, Timor Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Vietnam, Yemen

3. External female candidates.

Organizational Context and Scope

Since the inception of IOM in 1951, Movement Operations have been and continue to be a fundamental pillar of the Organization's work. The organized movement of persons in need of international migration assistance is a primary mandate of the Organization and a cornerstone of IOM's operations. This mandate has resulted in the international transport of more than 15 million migrants and refugees worldwide. Movement Operations departments in various IOM missions, coordinated under the division of Resettlement and Movement Management (RMM) in the Department of Operations and Emergencies (DOE) at IOM's Geneva Headquarters, are responsible for all aspects of travel for migrants and refugees under IOM's auspices, in accordance with the various framework agreements with resettlement and receiving Governments and partners across the spectrum of the Organization's programmes.

Under the general supervision of the Movement Operations Manager and the direct supervision of Operations Associate, Movements, the Senior Operations Assistant (Movements) is responsible for supervising movement activities, with the following duties and responsibilities:

1. Oversee up to eight staff members coordinating, scheduling and booking travel upon receipt of a travel-ready status and/or request in accordance with travel requirements, including but not limited to the distribution of Advance Booking Notifications (ABNs), updates, domestic flights, cancellations and departure notifications. Support staff development processes such as hiring, providing training, assigning duties and giving feedback to staff members on their performance on a regular basis to ensure high quality work and the accurate completion of movements activities.
2. Oversee the organization and completion of all bookings in a timely manner and in accordance with the Handbook of IOM Tariffs (HIT) and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) from the Division of Resettlement and Movement Management (RMM).
3. Ensure compliance with program-specific SOPs for different migrant types and other modes of travel by air, land or sea. Supervise the distribution of travel information to internal and external stakeholders.
4. Oversee Movements team members as they compile and analyze descriptive statistics, using I-GATOR to capture costs and prepare travel loan paperwork as specified in SOPs and in accordance with host government's procedures. Ensure paperwork is accurate and timely.
5. Oversee the creation of movement data files, by ABN, for all individuals in accordance with SOPs and for IOM accountability.
6. In accordance with local practices and RMM guidelines and standards, and in close coordination with supervisors, oversee Movements team members as they identify and assign escorts to accompany vulnerable individuals.
7. Oversee identity and document verification prior to the distribution of travel documentation to refugees, immigrants and migrants.
8. Oversee pre-departure counselling on pre-embarkation procedures and special needs during travel (such as meals, medication, wheelchairs and medical conditions) as needed. Identify beneficiary vulnerabilities and coordinate appropriate action to ensure they are addressed.
9. Under the close supervision of Operations Associate, Movements, liaise as needed with other teams and units in IOM Costa Rica and with external partners such as

- airport and government authorities, relevant embassies, and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). Provide regular feedback on work being accomplished to the Operations Associate, Movements and keep supervisors immediately informed of any issues that arise.
10. Demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of relevant Movement Operations SOPs and Movements-related systems and databases (including iGATOR, MiMOSA, SAR and Amadeus), as well as the ability to remain professional, impartial and unbiased during all interactions with migrants and colleagues per the IOM Code of Conduct and instruction on the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA).
 11. Maintain and ensure the confidentiality and integrity of all relevant paperwork in line with standards of conduct and data protection rules. Alert Operations Associate, Movements or management of any non-compliance to SOPs or codes of conduct by IOM staff members or partners.
 12. Perform such other duties as may be assigned.

Required Qualifications and Experience

The incumbent is expected to demonstrate the following technical and behavioural competencies:

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

- Six years of working experience with secondary [high school] education; four years of working experience with Bachelor's degree.
- Prior Movement Operations, transportation-related and/or management experience a strong advantage.

Skills

Strong computer skills - Word, Excel and Internet; past experience with Movement Operations-related databases and systems (including iGATOR, MiMOSA, SAR and Amadeus) is a distinct advantage.

Languages

REQUIRED

External applicants for all positions in the Professional category are required to be proficient in English and have at least a working knowledge of one additional UN Language (Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian, or Spanish).

For all applicants, fluency in English and Spanish is required (oral and written).

DESIRABLE

French

Salary

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Required Competencies

The incumbent is expected to demonstrate the following values and competencies:

VALUES - All IOM staff members must abide by and demonstrate these five values:

- Inclusion and respect for diversity: Respects and promotes individual and cultural differences. Encourages diversity and inclusion.
- Integrity and transparency: Maintains high ethical standards and acts in a manner consistent with organizational principles/rules and standards of conduct.
- Professionalism: Demonstrates ability to work in a composed, competent and committed manner and exercises careful judgment in meeting day-to-day challenges.
- Courage: Demonstrates willingness to take a stand on issues of importance.
- Empathy: Shows compassion for others, makes people feel safe, respected and fairly treated.

CORE COMPETENCIES - Behavioural indicators – Choose a level.

- Teamwork: Develops and promotes effective collaboration within and across units to achieve shared goals and optimize results.
- Delivering results: Produces and delivers quality results in a service-oriented and timely manner. Is action oriented and committed to achieving agreed outcomes.
- Managing and sharing knowledge: Continuously seeks to learn, share knowledge and innovate.
- Accountability: Takes ownership for achieving the Organization's priorities and assumes responsibility for own actions and delegated work.
- Communication: Encourages and contributes to clear and open communication. Explains complex matters in an informative, inspiring and motivational way.

How to apply:

The candidate should send his/her application **through the following Microsoft Form:** <https://forms.office.com/e/b3qKdNsg31>.

The form will request vacancy code, position title, duty station, grade, and unit. Please complete as it follows:

- **Vacancy Code: SVN-2023-034**
- **Position Title: Senior Operations Assistant - Movements**
- **Duty Station: San Jose, Costa Rica**
- **Grade: G6**
- **Unit: OPS**

Candidates must submit their offer by **January 23rd, 2024**. No applications will be considered after this date.

Any application not presented using the Microsoft Form, will not be taken into consideration.

In case of receiving applications from foreigners living in Costa Rica, they must have a valid work permit.

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

You can check the Post Description on <https://costarica.iom.int/es/vacantes>.