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UN Global Pulse

Subject: Portfolio Specialist (Strategic Foresight) application

Dear UN Global Pulse team,

It is with great pleasure that I submit my application for the position of Portfolio specialist (Strategic Foresight) today. I came across the opening on LinkedIn via a publication in my network. I immediately recognized myself in the description and the abilities you are looking for. It is with great eagerness to contribute, create, support and promote foresight capacity in the UN ecosystem and its partners, that I am sending to you today this letter expressing my interest.

I am currently at the end of a mandate with the government of Canada (Policy Horizons Canada) helping different federal agencies and stakeholders with their foresight questions, projects and interests. UNGlobalPulse would be a great next step in my professional quest to help organizations understand, dissect and act on the future with a sustainable and ethical lens.

Indeed, one of my current research interests includes the use of climate scenarios in foresight, moving away from the urban and tech-centric scenarios to give citizens mental paths for prosperous, sustainable and equitable futures and the, then, ability to act on it. In a federal engagement, I opened up conversation with other foresight professionals around this idea and numerous weak signals are pointing towards the rising of climate future imagery. Another aspect currently under review in my practice is the use of time in foresight and how viewpoints of time, cycle and other perceptions of length passing can be enhanced without being framed as linear only. I often use circles, symbols and images in order to diversify the point of views collected in foresight projects.

My empathy, ability to connect with different humans across the world and the want I have in making the future accessible for all (even with strict and specific foresight methodology) makes me want to contribute to the UN Global pulse mission by your side. I am convinced that these transversal qualities combined with my large network of international private and public sector contacts are the necessary assets for me to succeed in this position.

Sincere greetings,
Sincères salutations,



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