An introduction to the Umoja solution at the UN.
**WHAT IS UMOJA?**

**Umoja** is a complete re-working of the way the United Nations Secretariat manages its administration by transforming our work patterns, how we conduct our business and how we manage our resources. At the center of this transformation is the leading-edge Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) software, which enables a harmonized and streamlined approach to the Organization’s management of finance, human resources, procurement and assets.

The Umoja solution has enabled the United Nations to:

- Upgrade its technology, tools and practices to those appropriate for the 21st century by replacing multiple fragmented legacy systems such as IMIS, Mercury and Sun.
- Comply with international industry standards such as IPSAS (International Public Sector Accounting Standards) in a sustainable manner.
- Streamline fragmented administrative processes to allow Managers and Staff to focus on our mandates rather than lengthy approval processes.
- Harmonize and simplify disparate solutions to avoid waste and frustration.
- Tear down barriers across offices, departments, and functional areas.
- Allocate our human resources to more valuable and rewarding tasks.

“UMOJA...it is far more than an IT project, it is an organizational transformation that will enable high quality and cost effective service delivery around the world.”

- Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon
WHAT IS ERP & SAP?

ERP

Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) is intended to facilitate and streamline the flow of information between all business functions within an Organization resulting in improved service delivery.

ERPs streamline operations in an organization through business process re-engineering, sharing of common data, and implementation of best practices and standards.

SAP

SAP (Systems, Applications and Products) is the ERP software used for Umoja.

SAP provides the core system from which Umoja is built on and enables the United Nations to create its own integrated system of components and functionalities specific to the UN.

"The system allows one stop shop for employees to make their requests and reduces the response time."

–MINUSTAH user

FIND OUT MORE

Information about SAP, ERP and IPSAS is available on the Umoja website:

http://umoja.un.org
Umoja enables the Organization to change and improve in the following ways:

1) **TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT**
   - by consolidating major custom-built systems costly to maintain and do not easily interact with a global solution (legacy systems replaced include IMIS, SUN, Mercury, Procure+ and eventually Galileo);

2) **BUSINESS PROCESSES**
   - moving away from working practices which vary by location to a single way of delivering administrative services using a single source of data, with improvements gained in speed and efficiency;
   - impact the way we manage our assets and resources, from ordering materials and tracking inventory to performing all of our financial transactions and managing projects.

3) **COMPLIANCE**
   - comply with international industry standards (e.g. IPSAS)

All staff and non-staff personnel can conduct all transactions in Umoja thereby reducing the amount of time spent on paperwork and approvals. Umoja allows us to work together more effectively and to offer a better client service experience.

All UN staff members and non-staff personnel interact with the new system through the Employee Self-Service and Manager Self-Service (as applicable) functionalities.

Managers have a new role through Umoja’s MSS functionality. They are directly responsible for managing administrative matters and performing certain HR-related tasks. MSS offers greater visibility and a single source of accurate information.

"I fully support the concept of self-service and believe that Umoja will offer significant benefits in the long-run.”

– MINUSTAH user

"Integration of several database and legacy systems into one central system is the best thing [that has] happened in the recent past of the UN.”

–MINUSTAH user
The Umoja Employee Self-Service (ESS) provides a central resource for many HR-related tasks; enabling UN staff to update data and information; submit requests and applications for entitlements, time management and travel and access information and guidance on HR policy and procedures.

The ESS flyer illustrates the top improvements for UN Staff using Umoja ESS, as well as a comparison of tasks done before and after using ESS.
Manager Self-Service (MSS) enables managers to access and review information and approve requests for UN staff. MSS allows managers to efficiently and conveniently perform many HR-related tasks related to personnel administration, time management and travel.

**Manager Self-Service**
Manager Self-Service (MSS) in the Umoja portal will enable managers to access and review information and approve requests for UN staff. MSS will allow managers to efficiently and conveniently perform many HR-related tasks related to personnel administration, time management and travel. MSS will also enable managers to save time and reduce administration, automating tasks such as tracking time and leave requests.

**How MSS Will Change The Way We Work**

**I WANT TO...**

**TODAY**

**USING UMOJA MSS**

**MANAGE PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION**
- Contract renewal/extension
- Contract and funding information
- Reports on contract expiration dates and personnel assignments
- Staff movements
- Assignment extension

Information is entered into multiple systems and every office has individual processes, resulting in the inability to pull accurate information and ensure action is taken in a timely manner. The process is performed manually, making proactive planning challenging and time consuming. Automatic notifications will be sent to managers upon HR’s approval of contract renewal/extension.

**MANAGE TIME AND LEAVE**
- Review and confirm absence and attendance submissions
- Approve overtime (OT) and/or compensatory time off (CTO) hours worked
- Endorse requests for certain special leave
- Approve absences, including family visit, home leave, annual leave, and paternity leave
- View team calendar

In certain duty stations, there may be a time-recording system that is not integrated with IMIS, which may lead to inaccurate leave balances. In some offices, managers approve OT hours worked by signing a hardcopy form submitted by staff members. Managers will use MSS to review and endorse/reject absence/attendance requests that are passed to them for action. Managers will use MSS to approve OT and CTO hours worked by staff. Managers will have a team calendar where they can see who is/ will be present or absent during a time period, to better plan activities.

Visit umoja.un.org to watch a video demo of MSS and review training material!

The MSS flyer illustrates the top improvements for managers using Umoja MSS, as well as a comparison of tasks done before and after using MSS.
Umoja has been deployed in phases (known as “Clusters”) across the global Secretariat to allow the Organization to absorb the change gradually, and to address key risks associated with deploying a comprehensive solution in a global organization.

**Umoja Foundation**
- Finance & Budget
- Central Support Services
- Programme & Project Management
- Supply Chain, Procurement, Logistics

**Umoja Extension 1**
- Workforce Management
- Organizational Management
- Travel Management
- Time Management
- Payroll

**Umoja Integration**
Joint deployment of both Foundation & Extension 1 functionalities.

An Interactive Deployment Timeline is available on the website umoja.un.org.

Use the search tool to find out when and where Umoja will deploy.
WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?

UMOJA WEBSITE:
https://umoja.un.org
- ESS / Production Systems Login
- Training
- Job Aids
- BI Reporting
- Staff Resources
- Posters & Promotional Material
- ESS / MSS Tutorials
- FAQs
- Deployment Timeline
- Glossary of Terms
- HR Tools
- Newsletter
- Unite Identity Login Information
- Umoja Login Guide
- Notifications and Updates
- Umoja Companion App
- Podcast
- Videos
- Release Notes
- Project Information

UMOJA PAGE ON ISEEK
https://iseek.un.org/umoja
- ESS / Production Systems Login
- Job Aids and Reference Material
- How-to Guides
- Support Information
- Blackout Forms
- Master Data Maintenance
- Add/Modify/Delete User

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https://unite.un.org/connections/homepage/login/
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UMOJA COMPANION APP
https://umoja.un.org/content/umoja-companion-app