



Jack Christofides

Appointed Special Representative of the Gang Suppression Force in December 2025, Jack Christofides brings over three decades of experience in international diplomacy and peace operations.

Prior to this role, he served as Director of the Northern Africa Division within the United Nations Departments of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs and Peace Operations (2019–2025), overseeing regional political strategies and high-level engagement. Between 2020 and 2023, he served as Deputy Head of Mission and Director of Political and Civil Affairs at the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), where he played a key role in coordinating political affairs on the ground.

He has held multiple senior leadership roles across UN peacekeeping, including as Director of the Africa II Division in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and of the Division of Policy, Evaluation and Training.

His extensive field experience includes serving as Chief of Staff in the Office of the Special Coordinator for Lebanon, as Director of the Joint Mediation Support Team for Darfur, and as Political Director in the United Nations Mission in Sudan (UNMIS),

Jack Christofides holds a master's degree in political science from the University of Pretoria.