United Nations Immersion Programme - The Hague Edition - Basic Package

Multilateral Diplomacy

Deadline: 23 Jun 2022

Type: Field Visit
Location: Geneva, Switzerland
Date: 27 Jun 2022 to 1 Jul 2022
Duration of event: 5 Days
Programme Area: Multilateral Diplomacy
Specific Target Audience: No
Website: http://www.unitar.org/immersionprogramme
Price: $2,300.00
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BACKGROUND
The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) was established in 1963 as an autonomous body within the United Nations with the purpose of enhancing the effectiveness of the work of the UN and its member states.

UNITAR designs and conducts close to 500 different training and knowledge-sharing events per year for some 50,000 beneficiaries worldwide. Participants include diplomats, other government officials, non-governmental representatives, and other stakeholders.

At the heart of UNITAR, the Multilateral Diplomacy Programme Unit (MDPU) delivers training workshops to address the needs of these international actors. MDPU’s activities cover a wide range of domains, including training on the UN system and skills development.

EVENT OBJECTIVES
As part of the training activities implemented during the summer months, UNITAR designed a 5-day field visit to The Hague, offering participants a full immersion into the international law ecosystem and the multilateral working environment of the city.

In line with UNITAR’s mandate, its main purpose is to enhance participants’ knowledge and skills in the area of
international affairs and diplomacy. This will empower them to work more effectively and efficiently in any multilateral setting.

UNITAR further intends to strengthen the participants’ conviction of the principles enshrined in the UN Charter, especially multilateralism. It lastly aspires to give its participants the opportunity to gain valuable insights into possible future career steps.

CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

Hosting close to 200 international organizations, along with figureheads like the Peace Palace, the International Court of Justice, Europol and the International Criminal Court, The Hague is known as the international city of peace and justice. Tens of thousands of people from all over the globe are working every day in the city to build a more peaceful and just world by collaborating together on solutions to global problems. In partnership with many international institutions, UNITAR provides a nuanced balance between the following different components:

**Expert Lectures:**

UNITAR’s professional network across The Hague allows it to organize a series of 1-2-hour expert lectures, in which participants can directly learn from UN personnel or other high-level officials. Programmes may include lectures from the following organizations:

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs Netherlands (MoFA)
- The International Criminal Court (ICC)
- The Mechanism for International Criminal Court (MICT)
- National Embassy

**Training Workshops:**

As its core activity and raison d’être, UNITAR provides several face-to-face workshops to the participants. Delivered by experts such as retired ambassadors, previous programmes have included the following workshops:

- Negotiation and Mediation Skills
- Public Speaking Skills
- Simulation Exercises

**Guided Tours:**

The Hague is rich in historic buildings important to international affairs. Thanks to its access across the city, UNITAR can provide a series of private guided tours. This may include tours through the following facilities:

- The Peace Palace Visitors’ Centre
- The Hague Academy
- The Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW)
- The Hague Humanity Hub

**Public Hearing Sessions:**

UNITAR also provides access to public hearings in the world of international organizations. These sessions can occur in the following:

- International Court of Justice (ICJ)
- International Criminal Court (ICC)

**METHODOLOGY**

Given the complexity of The Hague’s multilateral environment, UNITAR will cover a series of different thematic areas during the course of the Programme. These will include peace and security, human rights and humanitarian affairs, global health and well-being, trade and technology as well as the environment and sustainable development.
The Immersion Programme is designed to be highly interactive and participatory. Activities will include a high level of direct exposure to policy practitioners and diplomatic settings, thereby allowing participants to gain thorough knowledge and understanding of the United Nations and The Hague.

All of the activities will take place in the English language. Should there be any component not be available in English, UNITAR will ensure the participants will be provided with simultaneous interpretation.

TARGETED AUDIENCE

UNITAR welcomes a variety of professional backgrounds as well as different degrees of experience among its participants. The Immersion Programme is therefore open to all actors related to international affairs wishing to build up knowledge and skills related to the United Nations or The Hague International Zone.

Participants can include public sector officials, private sector professionals and representatives from NGOs, think tanks or academia. Junior professionals and graduate students are equally welcome to apply.

In order to ensure adherence to health safety standards, registration will be closed after 20 participants. Allocation of slots will be on a first-come, first-served basis. At the end of the Immersion Programme, each participant will be awarded a UNITAR certificate of completion.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

--------- IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON COVID-19 ---------

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, UNITAR will assure the programme will entirely conform with up-to-date health safety standards, including social distancing, hygiene measures and contact tracing. The programme's agenda may be subject to modifications in line with the most recent developments in this regard. Kindly find the most recent travel advice from the Swiss authorities on the Swiss foreign ministry's website.

Participants are responsible for complying with Swiss immigration and travel policies to enter the country. In addition, participants must have a health insurance plan that is valid in Switzerland and comply with Swiss health rules and recommendations during their stay in the country.

In case that due to any COVID-19-related travel restrictions, participants registered for the field visit to Geneva are unable to travel to Switzerland this time, it is possible for them to attend the United Nations Online Immersion Programme free of charge. In addition, their slot for the field visit to Geneva will be automatically transferred to a following edition in 2022 or 2023, with no additional costs charged. For more information, kindly contact the UNITAR event focal point.

UNITAR will be responsible for the overall design, coordination and implementation of the Immersion Programme. It will liaise with participants on a regular basis prior to the activity's implementation in order to ensure a smooth and flawless organization for everyone involved.

The participants are responsible to purchase their own travel tickets to and from Geneva as well as to apply for a visa to Switzerland. UNITAR can support this process with the help of an official visa invitation letter. Participants further need to take care of their own accommodation and daily meals.

UNITAR will sponsor a welcome dinner to the participants, a welcome package including relevant training materials, entry tickets to sights and museums as well as the transportation cost during the activity. Please note that as of now, no scholarships are available to facilitate participation.