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About UNITAR

The **United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)** is the training and capacity-development arm of the United Nations. Headquartered in Geneva, it supports Member States and stakeholders worldwide to strengthen skills, knowledge and institutional capacities to address global challenges.

UNITAR was created in 1965 to train and equip diplomats from newly-independent UN Member States. Today, the Institute delivers training and learning solutions that support the implementation of global agreements, including the **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**.

Our Work in Multilateral Diplomacy

UNITAR aims at strengthening the intergovernmental machinery of the United Nations by providing training and capacity-building activities that address the needs of diplomats, government officials, international civil servants and private sector specialists to meet complex and global challenges. UNITAR's activities cover a wide range of policy domains including international law, multilateral negotiation, environmental and climate change,

diplomacy, human rights, artificial intelligence, economic diplomacy, Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development and other related topics. The Institute also provides capacities and skills development activities such as leadership, diplomatic report writing, public speaking, media relations and negotiation techniques, among many others. The trainers and resource persons selected by UNITAR for the different training activities are experts in various fields of multilateral diplomacy, international affairs and international law, including practitioners from both within and outside the United Nations system.

A 60-year history of leaving no one behind, and making global affairs, global.



1963

In 1963, following a recommendation from the Economic and Social Council, the General Assembly decided to create UNITAR, and asked the Secretary-General to establish a United Nations Institute for Training and Research as an autonomous body within the UN system.



1968

UNITAR expanded its training activities under the leadership of Chief S.O. Adebo of Nigeria, including the establishment of regional training seminars to train junior diplomats from the Global South, and the launch of fellowship programmes.



Today

UNITAR's mission is to bridge gaps in knowledge and skills through impactful training, research and innovative learning solutions. In pursuing our mission, we place priority value on ensuring that our knowledge and related products and services are client-oriented, modern and innovative, and that they meet internationally recognized quality standards.

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Artificial Intelligence Briefing Series for the Diplomatic Community

Recognizing the transformative impact of AI on global governance, UNITAR offers the AI Briefing Sessions to equip diplomats, international civil servants and policymakers in Geneva and beyond with essential AI knowledge.

These sessions serve as a critical platform for reskilling and upskilling professionals, ensuring they remain at the forefront of this rapidly evolving landscape.

Previous high-level briefings have included topics on;

- Introduction to Generative AI
- AI and Diplomacy
- AI and Education
- AI Governance
- Open Source AI

For more information, please email ai.mdp@unitar.org



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Artificial Intelligence and Diplomacy

Artificial intelligence is impacting, now more than ever, our society and lives - on a personal and professional level. While initial work in the field of AI dates back to the 1950s, 2023 marked the AI revolution, with the technology evolving at an unprecedented pace, calling on governments, international organizations, regulatory bodies, the private sector, and all decision-makers to recognize this powerful and disruptive technology and adapt accordingly.

Substantial technical, legal, and ethical implications are affecting virtually every sector, with no framework to guide and regulate decision-making processes.

Recognizing the need to address the AI knowledge gap, UNITAR has developed a series of resources and training opportunities to help you navigate the evolving world of AI in the context of international affairs.



Online Certificate in Artificial Intelligence and Professional Skills

The Online Certificate in Artificial Intelligence and Professional Skills is designed to bridge the knowledge gap by equipping participants with essential expertise and practical skills to effectively leverage AI. This programme provides a strong foundation in AI, preparing participants to navigate and shape the future workplace.

Key Highlights:

- Expert-Led Learning: Gain insights from world-renowned professors and AI experts.
- Comprehensive AI Training: A blend of theoretical knowledge and hands-on applications in different professional sectors.

ONLINE | PART-TIME



Online Self-Paced Course on AI Essentials for Decision Makers

This online, self-paced programme equips professionals with the essential knowledge and practical skills to understand and apply artificial intelligence in institutional and policy contexts. Covering six modules, it provides a solid foundation in AI, digital transformation, and data-driven decision-making, while addressing ethical considerations, risks, and real-world applications.

Key Highlights:

- **Comprehensive & Flexible:** A 6-module, fully online and self-paced programme with 3 months of access, covering AI, digital transformation, policy applications, Inclusion and foresight.
- **Practical & Policy-Oriented:** Explore real-world AI applications for diplomacy, public administration, and evidence-informed decision-making.
- **Strategic & Future-Focused:** Learn to assess AI opportunities, risks, and ethics while strengthening foresight and stakeholder engagement skills.

SELF-PACED | 3 MONTHS PART-TIME



MSc (Professional) in Data Science and Artificial Intelligence Applications

In partnership with the Asian Institute of Technology

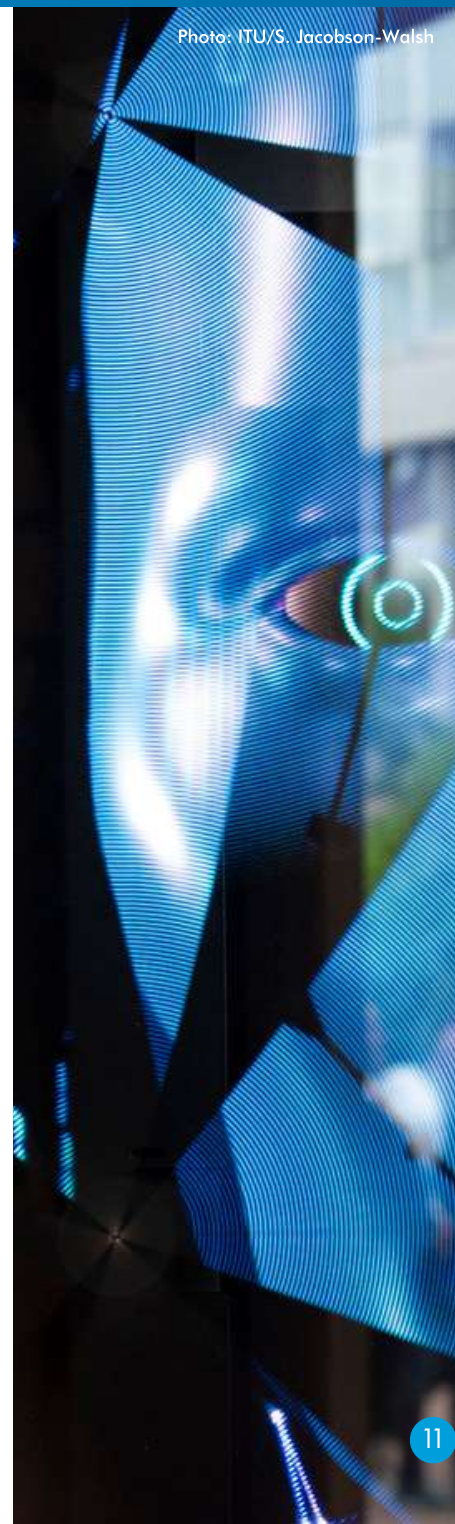
In today's post-digital world, emerging technologies are central to multilateralism and shaping the future of global governance. In response to the pressing need for more data-driven solutions to contemporary international challenges, UNITAR and the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) in Bangkok collaboratively launched a new cutting-edge programme.

Key highlights:

- Designed to equip students with advanced knowledge and skills in Data Science and AI applications.
- Offers a unique blend of theoretical foundations and practical applications, preparing graduates to tackle complex global challenges using data-driven solutions.
- Adopts a hybrid mode of instruction, combining online sessions and in-person sessions at the AIT campus in Thailand.

HYBRID | 1 YEAR PART-TIME

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Master in Strategic Leadership and Artificial Intelligence

In partnership with Gulf Colleges

In today's rapidly evolving global environment, institutions across the public, private, and academic sectors require leaders capable of navigating complexity, driving innovation, and leading sustainable transformation. In response to these evolving leadership demands, UNITAR, and Gulf Colleges have collaboratively launched the Executive Diploma in Transformational Leadership.

Key highlights:

- Designed to strengthen strategic, operational, and interpersonal leadership skills for current and emerging leaders across sectors.
- Combines practical leadership tools with future-oriented competencies including strategic foresight, stakeholder engagement, communication, and AI-enabled decision-making.
- Delivered over one year through a hybrid learning format combining interactive workshops, applied exercises, simulations, and peer-to-peer exchange.

HYBRID | 1 YEAR



Executive Programme Series on AI and Negotiation

In partnership with Columbia University,
School of International and Public Affairs
(SIPA)

Artificial intelligence is reshaping diplomacy, governance, and strategic decision-making across governments, international organizations, and the private sector. To address these emerging challenges and opportunities, UNITAR and Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) have partnered to deliver an Executive Programme Series on AI and Negotiation.

Key highlights:

- Explores the impact of AI on negotiation, diplomacy, governance, and executive decision-making in international contexts.
- Combines academic excellence from Columbia SIPA with UNITAR's expertise in multilateral diplomacy and capacity-building.
- Offers three specialized executive programmes: Negotiation in the Age of AI, AI Governance, and AI and Decision-Making.

HYBRID | 1 WEEK PER PROGRAMME



Customized Training

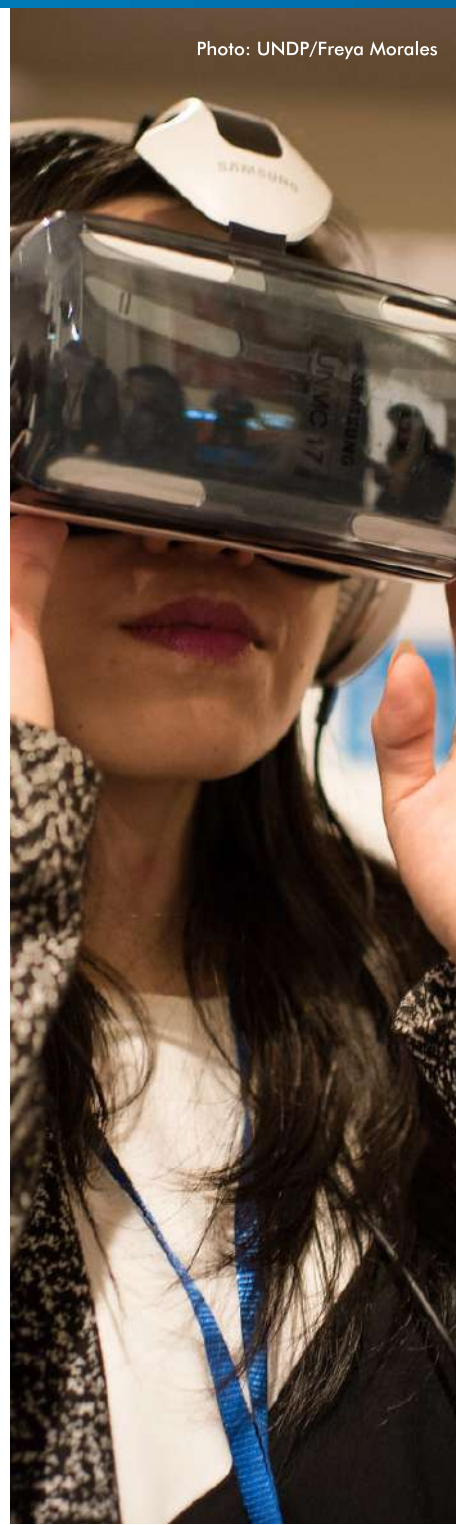
Customised trainings are available, on the intersection of Artificial Intelligence with a variety of thematic areas, including, but not limited to:

- AI and Diplomacy
- AI Governance and Ethics
- AI and Cybersecurity
- AI and the Future of Work
- AI and Education
- AI and Negotiation
- AI and Gender
- AI and International Law

Upon the request of UN Member States and/or in partnership with intergovernmental organizations, UNITAR designs and delivers tailor-made activities on themes related to diplomacy, international affairs, international law and skills development.

The duration, content, modality and structure of the courses are defined in close consultation with the beneficiaries, governments and partner organizations in order to meet their specific needs.

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Artificial Intelligence and International Affairs Bulletin

With our environment characterised by volatility, uncertainty, complexity, and ambiguity, it is imperative to stay informed on the latest developments in AI, and understand which are most relevant to the international diplomatic community.

UNITAR has developed the AI | IA (Artificial Intelligence & International Affairs) Bulletin as a flagship publication to help professionals in international relations stay informed about AI.

Key Highlights:

- Published monthly and tailored specifically to the diplomatic community.
- Comprehensive Coverage and Repository: Aggregates key AI developments, training opportunities, events, and resources.
- Global Reach: Shared across all sectors and read monthly by diplomats, governments, and professionals worldwide.
- Interagency Cooperation: Included in the ITU's AI Skills Coalition framework.



Artificial Intelligence Events and Initiatives

AI Forum Collaboration With IE - 2023

UNITAR and IE University jointly hosted the AI Forum: Three Horizons – Governance, Education, and the Future of Work in Madrid, Spain.

Key Discussions:

AI Ethics & Governance: Global frameworks for responsible AI development.

AI in Education: Transforming learning with AI-driven tools.

AI & Work: Insights from the private sector on AI's corporate impact.

Partners With the ITU's AI Skills Coalition

Members of the AI Skills Coalition, a UN-led global platform for AI education and capacity building, contributing to a comprehensive global effort on AI skills development.

Engagement in UN Events

UNITAR has actively contributed to key UN events, fostering partnerships and contributing to the global dialogue on AI in sustainable development. UNITAR has maintained a consistent presence at the AI for Good Global Summit.

Key Milestones:

Ongoing Partnership Development: Expanding collaborations with leading institutions and AI stakeholders.

Consistent Engagement: Establishing a recognized presence across UN-led initiatives.

Custom AI Events

UNITAR offers custom AI events tailored to the specific needs of governments, international organizations, and private sector. Whether it's a high-level forum, workshop, or executive training, UNITAR designs impactful events that explore AI's implications across governance, diplomacy, business, and society.

Artificial Intelligence Community of Practice

By joining our events and initiatives, you become part of UNITAR's Community of Practice on Artificial Intelligence—a vibrant network dedicated to continuous learning and collaboration. Members gain access to exclusive post-event materials, curated resources, and opportunities for ongoing exchange with professionals and experts working at the intersection of AI and international affairs.

Focused on life-long learning that continues beyond the end of a course or event, the community offers;

■ Knowledge Sharing

■ Networking Opportunities

Through this community, we aim to foster a vibrant ecosystem where innovation thrives, and multidisciplinary insights drive impactful solutions in the field of AI.

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