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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.

Recognising 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.



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our full AI Portfolio*



Artificial Intelligence Briefing Series for the Diplomatic Community

Recognising 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

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



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



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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.

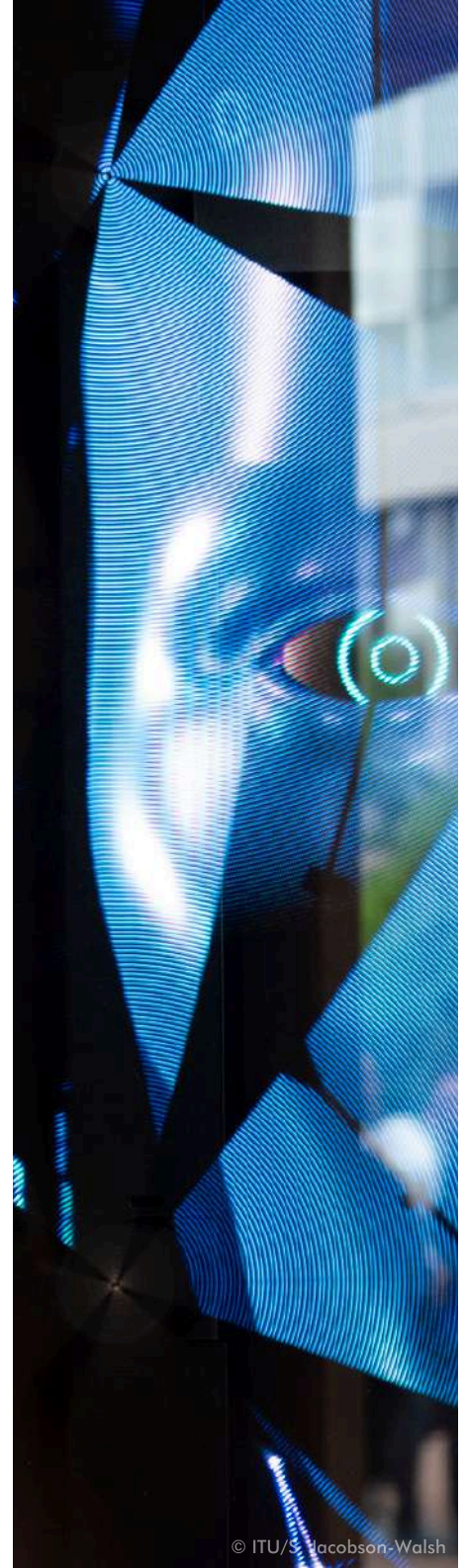
Key highlights:

- 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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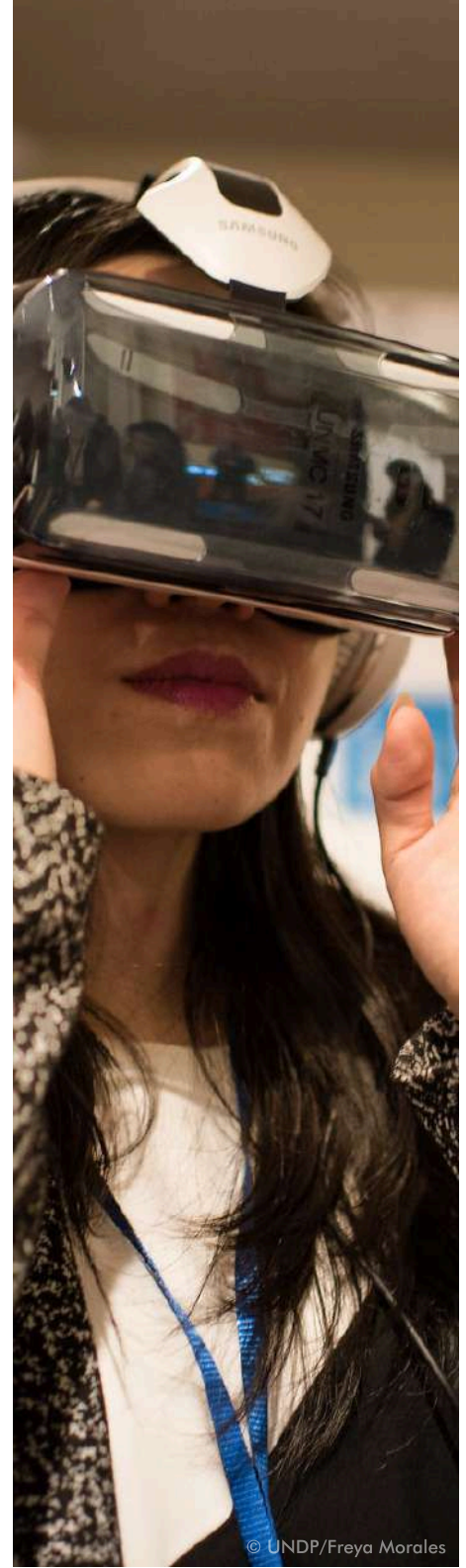
Customised Trainings

Customised trainings are available, on the intersection of Artificial Intelligence (AI) 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 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.



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 International Telecommunication Union's AI Skills Coalitions

- 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 the role of AI in sustainable development. For instance, UNITAR has maintained a consistent and trusted presence at the AI for Good Global Summit, advancing discussions on AI's impact.

Key Milestones:

- Ongoing Partnership Development: Expanding collaborations with leading institutions and AI stakeholders.
- Consistent Engagement: Establishing a recognized presence across UN-led initiatives, with the AI for Good Global Summit serving as a prominent example.

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.



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.



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About UNITAR

As the training arm of the United Nations, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) provides innovative learning solutions to individuals, organizations and institutions to enhance global decision-making and support country-level action for shaping a better future.

UNITAR was created in 1963 to train and equip young diplomats from newly-independent UN Member States with the knowledge and skills needed to navigate through the diplomatic environment. Over the years, UNITAR has acquired unique expertise and experience in designing and delivering a variety of training activities. We have become a leading institute in the provision of customized and creative learning solutions to institutions and individuals from both public and private sectors. With a strategy fully focused on achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), UNITAR supports Governments to implement the 2030 Agenda.

UNITAR's Work in Diplomacy

At the heart of UNITAR, the Division for Multilateral Diplomacy supports member states and global leaders in overcoming global challenges related to multilateralism, international cooperation, peace and security, climate change, human rights, and science and technology.

We have supported diplomats since 1963, working closely with a growing number of partners to strengthen the capacities of diplomats, government officials, and key actors in the diplomatic sphere. This work empowers more effective participation and efficiency in the multilateral system, particularly in New York, Geneva, and other cities where the UN has a strong presence.

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



1963

UNITAR was founded in 1963 based on the recommendation of the UN Economic and Social Council to the General Assembly. The Secretary-General then established the 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. Adebayo 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 develop the individual, institutional and organizational capacities of countries and other United Nations stakeholders through high quality learning solutions and related knowledge products and services to enhance decision-making to support country level action for overcoming global challenges. 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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