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Major News



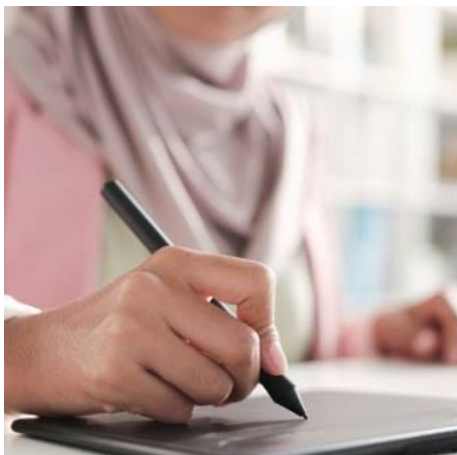
[UNITAR joins the Global Alliance for Social Entrepreneurship](#)

UNITAR has joined the Global Alliance for Social Entrepreneurship, a World Economic Forum initiative (WEF) hosted by the Schwab Foundation. The [Alliance](#), formerly known as the COVID Response Alliance, was launched in 2020, and its next phase started at the WEF Annual Meeting in May 2022, with 100 leading global organisations and empower more than 100,000 social entrepreneurs. [Read more...](#)



[First Hybrid Training Since COVID-19 Pandemic: Supporting Youth Entrepreneurs in Iraq](#)

Iraqi Participants of the UNITAR Division for Prosperity COVID-19 Response and Recovery Programme, which concluded in March 2022, enjoyed the first “hybrid” in-person training to be held in a Prosperity’s programme since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. The workshop, in Baghdad, marks the beginning of a new training model that will combine online training sessions with in-person group learning. [Read more...](#)



[UNITAR Launches New Digital Health Partnership with Columbia Business School](#)

UNITAR and [Columbia Business School Executive Education](#) signed an agreement to start a new partnership on digital health and technologies in March 2022. The collaboration was launched with the training course UNITAR Social Entrepreneurship with Digital Health, with Digital Health, offering the opportunity to learners in Africa and the Middle East to build their skills on social entrepreneurship and digital technologies in the health industry. [Read more...](#)



[UNITAR Expands Gender Empowerment Now! Project in Jordan and Lebanon](#)

The second phase of UNITAR Division for Prosperity’s Gender Empowerment Now! Project was launched on 5 April 2022. Funded by the Cypriot Government, this project aims to build policymaking skills and knowledge on gender equality and female empowerment among government officials in Jordan and Lebanon. [Read more...](#)



[UNITAR and FAO to Jointly Deliver Online Course on Trade, Food Security and Nutrition](#)

UNITAR signed an agreement with the [Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations](#) (FAO) to deliver a 4-week joint online course for officials from Eastern and Southern Africa. Running from 23 May to 17 June 2022, this course is updated version of a similar 2019 training on trade, food security and nutrition. It is for government representatives who are directly involved in developing agricultural policies. [Read more...](#)



[Conference Report: Closing the Digital Divide](#)

On 24 March 2022, UNITAR Division for Prosperity held a virtual conference “Closing the Digital Divide: Strengthening Digital Literacy and Infrastructure” to address the widening digital divide between advanced and developing economies. Over 200 participants listened to a diverse panel of digital-infrastructure developers, service providers, regulators, and facilitators of [digital skills programmes](#) who discussed digitization initiatives in Afghanistan, Iraq and the Sahel region. [Read more...](#)

Our Impact



[Woman in Action During a Natural Disaster](#)

Mele Moimoi, a disaster risk reduction trainer from Tonga, joined the 2021 [UNITAR Hiroshima Women's Leadership in Tsunami-based Disaster Risk Reduction \(DRR\) Training Programme](#). The programme strengthened her ability to lead and respond to the recent volcanic eruption and tsunami in Tonga.



[Pursuing Passion through Entrepreneurship](#)

During the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic, Maureen Nduta invested in her start-up organic farming business in the coastal region of Mombasa, Kenya. Maureen applied the entrepreneurial techniques she learned from the [Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Leadership Training for Women Entrepreneurs in Africa](#) to grow her business and involve the women in her community.



[Hope for Women in Afghanistan in Educational Online Platforms](#)

Hosna, a 19-year old Afghan alumna of [Leading Inclusive 4IR: Empowering Women in Afghanistan for the Future of Work through Digital Reskilling](#), continues her studies in Iraq and aims to give back by creating an online learning platform to address the crisis in education and gender biases in Afghanistan.



[Breaking Stereotypes for Women in STEM](#)

Raghad Hav participated in the [Empowering Social Entrepreneurs and Youth Leaders for Iraq](#) training programme and returned as a UNITAR resource person for the [Waffle Camp](#) x SDGs Workshop. Raghad founded She Codes Too, where she teaches Iraqi women to code and address gender stereotypes in the field.

Announcements

[New Board Member: Professor Sarah Anyang Agbor](#)

Professor Sarah Anyang Agbor joins the advisory board of UNITAR Division for Prosperity. Hailing from Cameroon, Professor Agbor is Vice President of the Africa Board, Forum for African Women Educationalists. She brings to UNITAR her extensive expertise in education and training and will enhance UNITAR's presence in the African region in developing entrepreneurship, innovation and policymaking that empower youth, women and the marginalized.

[UNITAR Signs Memorandum of Understanding with Hiroshima Dragonflies](#)

Japanese professional basketball team [Hiroshima Dragonflies](#) and UNITAR have agreed to work together towards the [Sustainable Development Goals](#) (SDGs). On 7 April 2022, Hiroshima Dragonflies president and CEO Mr. Nobuyoshi Ura and UNITAR Division for Prosperity director Ms. Mihoko Kumamoto held a ceremony at the UNITAR Hiroshima Office to sign the memorandum of understanding. Hiroshima Dragonflies and UNITAR will make use of their respective strengths to collaborate on peacebuilding through sports; sustainable development; rectifying wealth disparities and inequalities; and empowering women and youth. A Hiroshima Dragonflies jersey with the UNITAR logo was also introduced at the signing ceremony.

[Workshop in Kabul for Capacity-Building of Afghan Women on Financial Resiliency](#)

The [UNITAR Association](#) (the National Committee for UNITAR in Japan), with UNITAR Division for Prosperity and [Moraa Educational Complex](#) (a Kabul-based higher-education institution for women), developed the training programme Capacity-Building of Afghan Women on Financial Resiliency. The Association held a workshop with 25 motivated participants in April 2022. The UNITAR Association has been deeply concerned with the humanitarian crisis that women in Afghanistan face and ran a fundraising campaign in October-November 2021 to create more learning opportunities for them.

[Donation Campaign for the People of Ukraine by UNITAR Association](#)

In April 2022, the [UNITAR Association](#) raised funds to support the humanitarian aid work of the NGO [Polish Humanitarian Action](#), particularly for its project "SOS UKRAINE." Citizens and communities in Japan contributed nearly USD 6,300 to the campaign. UNITAR Division for Prosperity is deeply concerned about the crisis in Ukraine. We are exploring ways to support the affected people over the medium to long term through our training programmes.

[Joining World Innovation Economics Conference](#)

UNITAR Division for Prosperity joined a side event of the World Economic Forum's Annual Meeting in Davos, Switzerland, hosted by the World Innovation Economics on 25 May 2022. [Mihoko Kumamoto](#), the Division's Director, talked about the innovative learning solutions and impact of UNITAR's trainings worldwide. Judit Kozenkow, the Division's partnerships expert, talked about the education of youth on economics and digitalization for successful business actions. They also discussed options for closing the digital divide.

If you have any questions, please [email us](#).



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