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## Major News

### [Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Training for Diplomats Held in Hiroshima](#)



Nearly 20 diplomats and government officials from Asian countries completed the [UNITAR Hiroshima Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Training Programme](#), held 13-18 February 2023. The diplomats updated their understanding of the global nuclear debate and met young activists to learn about their initiatives for a nuclear-free world. The programme's past two cycles were run virtually due to COVID-19-related restrictions. Learning about nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation in the symbolic city of Hiroshima offered participants a deep learning experience.

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## Launch of In-person Disaster Risk Reduction Training Programme in Samoa



After two years of virtual delivery, the [UNITAR Hiroshima Women's Leadership in Tsunami-based Disaster Risk Reduction Training Programme for World Tsunami Awareness Day](#) will launch in-person training in Samoa on 7 March 2022. During the 5-day hybrid programme, 18 participants from eight countries will learn about gender-inclusive disaster risk reduction management, participate in immersive study tours, and develop disaster risk management plans for their countries.

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## Young Entrepreneurs from Egypt, Iraq and Lebanon Visit Japan for Entrepreneurship Training



Twenty entrepreneurs from Egypt, Iraq and Lebanon completed the third phase of Great Ideas Space: Entrepreneurship for Public Health and Covid-19 Recovery in Egypt, Iraq and Lebanon in Japan. The participants, selected from the top performers of the first two phases, received mentorship and participated in culturally immersive study tours and in-person workshops. They built upon the fundamentals of entrepreneurship, innovation and public health, and developed practical skills to operationalize digital-health and health-care innovations to address public health challenges and support COVID-19 recovery.

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## Variety of Perspectives and Solutions to Address Trade and Finance Issues



On 20 March 2023, UNITAR and Hiroshima Prefecture will host a free virtual conference “FinTech Ecosystem: Leveraging its impact in the economy and climate change”. High-level panellists from academia, international organizations and governments will explore how to improve development practice and policy in three thematic areas: FinTech in Development Practice, FinTech and Cybersecurity, and FinTech and Ecology. The conference will explore how countries can harness digitalization and FinTech for greater connectedness, development and progress towards the SDGs. Interested? [Register Here.](#)

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## Share Your Voices! UNITAR Hiroshima Office 20th Anniversary Survey



The UNITAR Hiroshima Office will celebrate its 20th anniversary on 15 July 2023! To commemorate this milestone, we invite alumni, partners, resource persons and supporters to fill out an online survey and tell us about your experiences with UNITAR Hiroshima Office. With your consent, we will incorporate your voices, stories and celebratory messages into our anniversary celebration. Thank you for your continued support as we work together towards a peaceful and prosperous world.

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## Livelihood Development for Women and Youth in Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe



UNITAR and Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA) launched a call for applications for the new training programme “Accelerating Sustainable and Climate Resilient Livelihoods”. The first phase will focus on agribusiness and development training. This programme will address social, economic and environmental challenges by supporting the development of small and medium agribusiness enterprises by women and youth in Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Deadline for applications is on 31 March 2023.

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## UNITAR and Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University Sign Cooperation Agreement



On 7 October 2022, Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU) and UNITAR signed a collaboration memorandum. APU and UNITAR aim to strengthen their cooperation through knowledge exchange, learning opportunities and development projects in entrepreneurship and digital technology. Mihoko Kumamoto, Director, UNITAR Division for Prosperity, visited APU on 8 February 2023 to discuss next steps.

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## Hiroshima High School Students Complete 2022 UNITAR Youth Ambassador Programme



Forty-eight high school students from Hiroshima completed the 2022 UNITAR Hiroshima Youth Ambassador Training Programme in August 2022. The programme aims to nurture future leaders and advocates. The Youth Ambassadors attended discussions – including a dialogue with Secretary-General António Guterres – and joined site visits and workshops. As a final project, they worked in teams to think about ways they could contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals and presented their ideas along the theme “building a sustainable city”.

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## Register for UNITAR and FAO Trade and Food Security Training Programme



Officials from the Near East and North Africa region are invited to [register](#) for the UNITAR and FAO Trade and Food Security training programme. Limited slots are available for this free online course, delivered fully in Arabic. Registration deadline is 14 May 2023. The training programme will run from 28 May to 22 June. It aims to strengthen Arabic-speaking countries’ capacity to develop evidence-based trade policies, formulate and negotiate trade agreements, and ensure agricultural trade expansion works towards eliminating global hunger. Participants who complete all course-related requirements will receive a UNITAR-FAO Certificate of Completion. UNITAR and FAO are offering a second edition of this course to meet demand from the region following the successful course launch in October 2021.

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# Our Impact

## [Solving Climate Change, Water Resource Management Expert](#)



Sameh W. Al-Muqdad is a German-Iraqi expert in water resources management and a resource person for [UNITAR's Great Ideas Space entrepreneurship training programmes](#). Acknowledging how governance and politics affect water resources and the role natural resources play in conflict as well as in peacebuilding, Sameh seeks to build fellow Iraqis' capacity for environmental protection, water resource management and climate-change action.

## [School Counsellor Fighting Corruption in Cameroon](#)



Francine-Blanche Mengue is a high school guidance counsellor from Cameroon with a passion for discovering people and cultures. She joined the [UNITAR Youth and Anti-corruption Programme in Sahel Region](#) in 2019, where she realized how seemingly banal acts are related to corruption. The programme inspired Francine-Blanche and a fellow Cameroonian participant to convince the National Anti-Corruption Commission to set up decentralized bodies in the main cities in Cameroon.

## [Women and Youth Empowerment through Sports](#)



Dr. Hajar Abulfazl, former co-captain of the Afghanistan women's national football team and human rights advocate, joined UNITAR Association's online seminar on 22 October 2022, where she shared her insights on the role of sports in achieving peace. Dr. Hajar took part in the UNITAR Leadership and Communication Training Programme in 2015. She sees sports as an instrument to empower women and youth, helping them realize their rights and full potential.

## [A Digital Change-making Storyteller Inspiring Digital Inclusion for Older People](#)



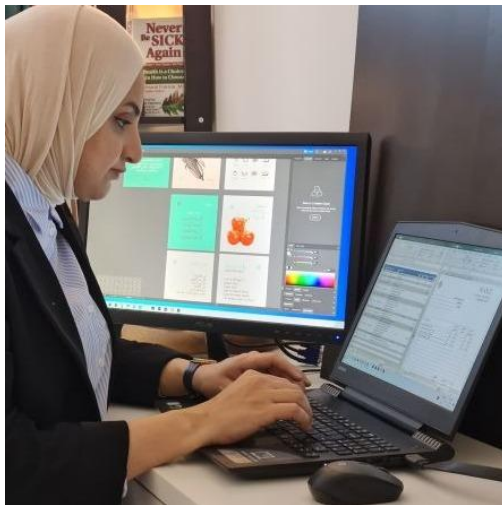
High school student Sena Chang is a change-making digital storyteller. She founded an online literary platform to pursue her advocacy work and empower fellow youth through journalism. In the 2022 [UNITAR Youth Ambassadors Asia Pacific Programme](#), Sena was inspired by a workshop on technology, invention, and ethics and presented a project to develop an app that integrates data crunching and health monitoring to support older people.

## [Breaking the Gender Barrier in Agribusiness in Western Kenya](#)



Cynthia Achieng is an agribusiness entrepreneur from Kenya. Through the [Entrepreneurship, Innovation, and Leadership Training for Women Entrepreneurs in Africa](#), Cynthia learned the skills to be financially disciplined and to manage and assess risks so she can realize her dream of scaling up her business.

## [Pioneering Plant-based Solutions to Climate Change](#)



Shumoos Ghanim Jaber is an Iraqi entrepreneur and an advocate for plant-based solutions to health and climate change. She completed [UNITAR's Great Ideas Space 2022: Entrepreneurship for Public Health and COVID-19 Recovery in Egypt, Iraq, and Lebanon](#), which allowed her to sharpen her business solutions and broaden her networks in green entrepreneurship.



# Announcements



## [UNITAR Board of Trustees Member Visits Hiroshima Office](#)

Professor Akiko Yuge, member of the UNITAR Board of Trustees, visited the UNITAR Hiroshima Office from 16 – 18 February. She observed the final negotiation simulation and public seminar of the Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Training Programme. The simulation is the culmination of the diplomats’ training in Hiroshima. Her visit also gave UNITAR Hiroshima Office staff the opportunity to learn from her experiences in the United Nations and in the academe.

## [Youth Dialogue Session in Hiroshima](#)

Leading up to the 2023 G7 summit, to be held 19-21 May in Hiroshima, UNITAR Division for Prosperity will host a youth dialogue session in Hiroshima on 17 April. A young person from each of the G7 countries will talk about their experiences in Hiroshima, where they currently live. They will also discuss the city's impact on their views of peace.

UNITAR just launched a [TikTok campaign](#) to engage with youth on ways to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. Follow our social media accounts to get updates!

## [FAO-UNITAR E-Learning Course on Trade, Food Security and Nutrition Concludes in Latin America](#)

The Spanish edition of the FAO and UNITAR joint e-learning course on “Trade, Food Security, and Nutrition” for Latin American policymakers, which started in September 2022, is concluded. Seventy participants from 16 countries were selected to participate in the course. The course helped strengthen policymakers’ capacity to design and implement agricultural, food-security and trade policies that combat hunger, food insecurity and

malnutrition. The programme was first launched in 2017 and has been one of FAO and UNITAR's longest-running joint programmes.

## [UNITAR Division for Prosperity Is On TikTok!](#)

UNITAR Division for Prosperity/Hiroshima Office is now on TikTok! We hope this will let more people on social media learn about and be in touch with UNITAR.

Connect with us on TikTok and let's get interactive! You can also find us as @UnitarProsperityDivision.

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