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Division for Multilateral Diplomacy

Innovative, cutting-edge learning

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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 Multilateral Diplomacy

At the heart of UNITAR, the Division for Multilateral Diplomacy 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 Division for Multilateral Diplomacy activities cover a wide range of policy domains including international law, multilateral negotiation, environmental and climate change diplomacy, human rights, artificial intelligence, economic diplomacy, human rights, Agenda 2030 and other related topics, as well as 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

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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Customized Trainings

- 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 multilateral diplomacy, international affairs, international law and skills development
- The duration, content and structure of the courses are defined in close consultation with the beneficiaries, governments and partner organizations in order to meet their specific needs
- UNITAR's customized training activities can be implemented face-to-face (in Geneva, in the beneficiary's country or in another city relevant for the course), online or hybrid

List of Training Programmes

Skills Development

- Skills Assessment and Management Development
- Negotiations Skills and Techniques
- Negotiation, Mediation and Conflict Resolution
- Overcoming Negotiation Deadlocks
- Leadership Skills
- Leadership and Mobilizing People
- Leading Organizational Transformation and Partnerships
- Public and Private Partnerships
- Public Speaking and Media Relations
- Presentation and Facilitation Skills
- Cosmopolitan Communication: Connecting Across Diplomats, Business Leaders and Civil Society Actors
- Women's Empowerment
- Women's Leadership
- Diplomatic Report Writing
- Effective English Report Writing Skills
- The Art of Speechwriting
- Structure, Drafting and Adoption of United Nations Resolutions
- Inter-ministerial Coordination in Negotiation, Preparation and Follow-up
- Stakeholder Engagement and Coordination
- Assertiveness and Influencing Skills
- Conflict Resolution and Difficult Conversations
- Positivity Skills
- Networking Skills
- Training of Trainers

UN System and Diplomacy

- Conference Diplomacy and Negotiation
- International Relations and Global Diplomacy
- United Nations Protocol and Etiquette
- Chairing International Conferences
- Rules of Procedure of United Nations Conferences
- Working Efficiently with UN Budget Documents
- International Crisis Management
- Political Analysis
- Commercial Diplomacy
- Consular Diplomacy
- Public Diplomacy in a Multipolar World
- Cultural Diplomacy in a Multipolar World
- Effective preparation for COP
- Effective preparation for the ECOSOC
- Effective preparation for the Human Rights Council
- Effective preparation for the UN General Assembly
- Effective preparation for the UN Security Council
- Elections to UN Organs: Workshop for Election Officers

List of Training Programmes

Environmental Diplomacy

- Climate Change Diplomacy: Negotiating Effectively under the UNFCCC
- Plastics Diplomacy
- Green Diplomacy
- Introduction to Water Diplomacy
- Negotiating Water Resources
- Integrated Planning for Climate Change and Biodiversity
- Integrating Environmental Protection and Human Rights into Mining Governance
- Integrated Ecosystem-based Adaptation and Adaptive Governance

VUCA and Artificial Intelligence

- VUCA Diplomacy
- Artificial Intelligence
- Science Diplomacy, Technology and Informed Decision Making
- Introduction to Frontier Diplomacy
- Digital and Cyber Diplomacy
- Internet Governance
- Cyber Crimes and Cyber Security
- Law of Outer Space
- OICT Series: Blockchain & Cryptocurrencies, Cyberspace & Cybersecurity, Virtual & Augmented Realities and Artificial Intelligence

International Law

- International Law
- Law of International Organizations
- Law of the Treaties
- International Environmental Law
- Techniques and Procedures of Environmental Law

Human Rights Diplomacy

- International Human Rights Protection and Promotion
- Business and Human Rights
- Human Rights Orientation Programme



Master's Programmes

ONLINE | HYBRID | IN-PERSON

- Unique, world-class Master's Programmes in partnership with top universities across the globe
- Taught by seasoned faculty, experts, and practitioners from both within, and outside of the UN System
- Robust academic curriculum with practical application and tailored UN career development sessions
- Focused on career development and first-hand experience with the UN and within fields of study



M.A. in Anti-Corruption and Diplomacy *and Executive Diploma Programme*

Partner: International Anti-Corruption Academy

Online • 18 Months Full-time • Start date: September (annually)



M.A. in Development Studies and Diplomacy *and Certificate Programme*

Partner: University for Peace (UPEACE)

Online or Hybrid • 1 or 2 Years Full-time • Start date: August / September (annually)



M.A. in Digital International Relations and Diplomacy

Partner: EU Business School (Geneva)

In-Person • 1 year Full-time • Start date: January / April / October (annually)



M.A. in Gender and Development *and Certificate Programme*

Partner: University for Peace (UPEACE)

Online or Hybrid • 1 or 2 Years Full-time • Start date: August (annually)



M.A. in International Affairs and Diplomacy (Master's Degree in Lifelong Learning)

Partner: Open University of Catalonia

Online • 2 years Part-time or 1 year Full-time • Start date: March / October (annually)



M.A. in International Law and Diplomacy *and Certificate Programme*

Partner: University for Peace (UPEACE)

Online or Hybrid • 2 years Full-Time • Start date: August / September (annually)



M.A. in International Law and the Settlement of Disputes *and Certificate Programme*

Partner: University for Peace (UPEACE)

Online, Hybrid or In-Person • 1 or 2 years Full-Time • Start date: August / September (annually)



M.A. in International Leadership and Negotiation

Partner: Universidad Europea de Valencia

Online • 1 year Full-time • Start date: October (annually)



Professional Masters in Data Science and Artificial Intelligence Applications

Partner: Asian Institute of Technology

Hybrid • 1 Year Part-Time • Start date: August (annually)



MSc. in Gender and Diplomatic Practice

Partner: University of Stirling

In-person • 1 Year Part-Time • Start date: September (annually)



MSc. or LL.M. in Human Rights and Diplomacy

Partner: University of Stirling

In-Person • 1 year Full-time • Start date: January (annually)



Executive M.A. in Global Public Diplomacy and Sustainable Development

Partner: LUISS School of Government

Hybrid • 7/8 months • Online modules: Part-Time, In-person modules: Full-Time
• Start date: March (annually)



Executive M.S. in International Affairs and Diplomatic Practice

Partner: Seton Hall University

Online • 1 year Full-time • Start date: January / August (annually)



LL.M. in Public International Law

Partner: Sigmund Freud University Vienna

Online or In-Person • 1 year Full-time • Start date: October (annually)



MBA in Alternative Dispute Resolution

Partner: University of Bolton

Online • 2 years Part-time • Start date: January (annually)



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Executive Education

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- UNITAR's Executive Education and Professional Certificates offer the opportunity for professionals to enhance their knowledge and skills in a particular area to further advance their careers
- All of our executive programmes are taught by world-class experts and practitioners in their fields
- Participants who successfully complete the programmes will receive a Diploma or Certificate signed by UNITAR's Executive Director, UN Assistant Secretary-General



Online Diploma in Multilateral Diplomacy

Online • 10 months • Start date: February / September (annually)



Online Diploma on the Fundamentals of International Law

Online • 4 months • Start date: February / September (annually)



Executive Diploma in Leading Organizational Transformation & Partnerships

Hybrid • 4 months • Start date: September (annually)



Online Executive Diploma on International Law in the 21st Century

Online • 5 Days • Start date: February (annually)



Executive Diploma in Anti-Corruption and Diplomacy

Online • 5 months • Start date: March (annually)



Executive Diploma on International Criminal Law and Transitional Justice

Online • 5 weeks • Start date: November (annually)



Certificate on Artificial Intelligence and Professional Skills

Online • 2 weeks • Start date: Once annually



Executive Diploma Programme in Cultural Diplomacy, International Relations & Global Governance

Partner: ICD Academy for Cultural Diplomacy

Hybrid • 2 weeks • Start date: Twice annually



Executive Diploma in Diplomatic Practice

In-Person • 8 months • Start date: November (annually)



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Online Programmes

WORLD-CLASS TRAINING, FROM ANYWHERE

- Our portfolio of online programmes are designed to provide participants with the knowledge and skills required to have a successful international career and remain competitive in their respective fields
- We offer both self-paced and expert-facilitated courses, designed to be flexible and completed from anywhere in the world, allowing participants to invest in their futures and continue a journey of lifelong learning



Core Courses in International Law

Online • 3 months • Start date: Multiple times annually



Cross-Cultural Communication

Online • 3 weeks • Start date: November (annually)



Human Rights, Environmental Protection and Climate Change

Online • 2 weeks • Start date: August (annually)



International Humanitarian Law

Online • 4 weeks • Start date: February / October (annually)



Overcoming Negotiation Deadlocks

Online • 4 weeks • Start date: May (annually)



Public and Cultural Diplomacy in a Multipolar World

Online • 6 weeks • Start date: September (annually)



The Art of Speechwriting

Online • 3 weeks • Start date: February / October (annually)



UNITAR Human Rights Council Training Programme

Online • 3 weeks • Start date: September (annually)



United Nations Protocol

Online • 4 weeks • Start date: May / October (annually)



United Nations Young Leaders Online Training Programme

Online • 4 weeks • Start date: January / April / June / August (annually)



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Immersion Programmes

FIELD VISITS TO UN HUBS WITH EXCLUSIVE ACCESS

- A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to spend five days in the world's multilateralism capitals with UN Experts and peers from across the globe
- Activities include expert lectures, training workshops, multilateral conferences, private guided tours, access to UN institutions, and career development sessions



United Nations Immersion Programme: Geneva

5 Day Field Visit or 5 Day Field Visit + 4 Week Online Course available

- Start date: February / May / July / August (annually)



United Nations Immersion Programme: Nairobi

5 Day Field Visit • Start date: March (annually)



United Nations Immersion Programme: The Hague

5 Day Field Visit or 5 Day Field Visit + 4 Week Online Course available

- Start date: July (annually)



United Nations Immersion Programme: New York

5 Day Field Visit • Start date: August (annually)



United Nations Immersion Programme: Vienna

5 Day Field Visit or 5 Day Field Visit + 3 Week Online Course available

- Start date: September (annually)





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