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Welcome to the first issue of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) Division for Prosperity quarterly newsletter! Prosperity is one of the eight divisions of UNITAR. Through innovative learning solutions, we empower change-makers from developing countries, particularly youth and women, to shape an inclusive, sustainable and prosperous world. To subscribe, please email: prosperity_communications@unitar.org.



Dai Tamesue, New UNITAR Goodwill Ambassador

Dai Tamesue, two-time World Championship bronze medallist in the 400m hurdles, was appointed [UNITAR Goodwill Ambassador](#) in July 2021. A third-generation atomic-bomb survivor from Hiroshima City, Mr. Tamesue is the first Japanese athlete to win a medal at the World Championship in Athletics and has represented Japan at the Sydney (2000), Athens (2004) and Beijing (2008) Olympic games.

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New Digital Finance Initiative Programme

UNITAR launched the [Digital Finance Initiative](#), which aims to reduce digital inequalities and increase financial inclusion. The launch was marked by the first annual [virtual conference](#) on digital finance held on 21 April 2021, which also coincided with the World Creativity and Innovation Day. A series of [online courses](#) on digital finance will be launched from August 2021.

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Launch of Social Entrepreneurship Courses

In June 2021, UNITAR launched the [Building Bridges: Entrepreneurship and Project Planning in South Sudan Programme](#), supporting 75 young professionals. In August, it will also launch its [COVID-19 Response and Recovery Programme: Mobilizing Resilient Entrepreneurs to Address Food Insecurity, Public Health and Unemployment for women in Afghanistan and youth in Iraq](#).

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Leading Inclusive 4IR in Afghanistan and more

In May 2021, UNITAR launched a new programme [Leading Inclusive 4IR: Empowering Women in Afghanistan for the Future of Work through Digital Reskilling](#). The first round was completed with over 300 participants. The second round started on 19 July 2021; two more rounds are scheduled to come. We are planning to launch another Inclusive 4IR programme, for the Sahel region, as well as a pilot programme for Iraq this year.

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Youth Ambassador Hiroshima & Asia-Pacific Programmes

In partnership with ITS Education Asia, UNITAR will launch the [Youth Ambassador Asia-Pacific Programme](#) in Hong Kong in September 2021. The programme will be expanded to various cities in China in 2022 and to other Asia-Pacific countries in 2023. The [Hiroshima Youth Ambassador Programme](#) was first launched in 2010 and has now been running for 11 years; the latest round was launched in July 2021. This year, 22 Youth Ambassadors will participate in online workshops over three months to learn about the SDGs.

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Announcements



New: Division for Prosperity Launches Newsletter

This is the first issue of our new quarterly newsletter. [UNITAR Division for Prosperity](#) will update you on progress in our various programmes and initiatives. To subscribe or send us questions/comments, please email: prosperity_communications@unitar.org.



UNITAR, EdApp & UNESCO Jointly Launch AI Course

UNITAR, with [EdApp](#) and the [United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization \(UNESCO\)](#), recently launched a new course on [Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights](#). The course is available to the public for free as part of EdApp's [Educate All Initiative](#).



Free Courses on Trade and Food Security with FAO

UNITAR and the [Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations \(FAO\)](#) issued a call for applications for two joint online courses: [Trade and Food Security](#) in Arabic for NENA by 2 September and [Agri-food Export Promotion Policy and Practical Tools](#) in Russian by 20 August.



Webinar for Nuclear Weapon Abolishment on 6 August

On 6 August 2021, UNITAR, with the [United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs \(UNODA\)](#), [Hiroshima Prefecture](#), and the [Hiroshima Organization for Global Peace \(HOPe\)](#), hosted a free, public webinar on promoting the abolition of nuclear weapons.

Our Impact

- [Global Learning Platform on Financial Inclusion](#) (Impact Story of the [AGFUND](#) & UNITAR)
- [Impact Story in Iraq](#)
- [Impact Story in South Sudan](#)
- Disaster-Risk Reduction Stories in Pacific Island Countries and Territories - From the [Cook Islands](#), [Maldives](#), and [Tonga](#)
- [Gender Empowerment Programme in Jordan and Lebanon](#)
- [Nuclear Disarmament & Non-proliferation Training Programme](#)
- [Iraq Entrepreneurship and Leadership Youth Training Programme](#)
- [Social Entrepreneurship Training Programme for Women in the Horn of Africa](#)

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