



2023 Cycle

# Great Ideas Space for South Sudan

## Entrepreneurship and Innovation Training for Food Security

**“Great Ideas Space for South Sudan: Entrepreneurship and Innovation Training for Food Security”** aims to bring together young entrepreneurs, innovators, civil servants, and other actors along the agricultural value chain in South Sudan to design and implement lasting solutions to the ongoing food crisis in the country. The training programme will equip you with the knowledge, skills, and network you need to turn your ideas for a social or for-profit enterprise into a business model that combat food insecurity, create jobs, and contribute to building resilience and sustainable food systems in South Sudan.

The training programme will run in three phases from **August 2023 – March 2024**.

The programme will be delivered in English. You will receive a UNITAR certificate of completion if you complete the course and meet minimum criteria.

**The programme is free for participants and conducted by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) with the full financial support of the Government and the People of Japan.**

You can apply to the programme from the link or scan the QR code:

<https://forms.office.com/e/JJEYJNeBn3>



# Eligibility

The programme is open to **young entrepreneurs, innovators, civil servants and other actors along the agricultural value chain – both women and men – in South Sudan** who are motivated to bring to life innovative solutions to the ongoing food security crisis. Participants that are active in the agribusiness sector are highly encouraged to apply.

In order to apply, you must have:

- Good oral and written English skills
- Access to Internet and a computer or smartphone

UNITAR will review your application for your:

- Keen passion to learn by doing and highly motivated to bring to life innovative solutions that can mitigate the impact of the food crisis in South Sudan
- Deep interest in entrepreneurship and agribusiness
- Commitment to actively engage in the programme for its entire duration, including traveling in/outside the country to attend in-person trainings
- Age (between 18 and 45)

# Programme Structure

The programme will run in three phases:

In **Phase 1**, the online programme will train 75 participants from South Sudan on “The Fundamentals of Entrepreneurship and Agribusiness”. You will complete self-paced online courses, peer-to-peer discussions, and assignments, curated by UNITAR and the local and international experts in the field.

The participants who successfully completed Phase 1 will progress to **Phase 2** of the programme, where you will further design and prototype your business/projects through in-depth training on “Leadership and Innovation for Sustainable Food Systems”.

Top-performing participants will then be selected to participate in **Phase 3**, which will consist of online mentoring sessions for individualized support and in-person workshop in Japan. Please note that in-person activities are subject to change depending on the security and travel conditions.



# Learning Objectives

By the end of the programme, you will be able to:

- Understand the agricultural value chain in South Sudan and its impact on the community and country
- Use design thinking to identify needs/issues and plan a project/enterprise that strategically, sustainably and inclusively addresses food insecurity and creates livelihood opportunities in South Sudan
- Show self-awareness, curiosity, strategic thinking, teamwork and sensitivity to society's needs, use contemporary leadership and management practices and communicate effectively

## Programme Schedule

The training programme will run in three phases from **August 2023 – March 2024**. You will be expected to dedicate approximately **2 – 4 hours per week** to fully take part in the programme.

Activity	Timeframe
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Online call for applications</li><li>• Participant identification and selection</li><li>• Course launch</li></ul>	June – August 2023
<u>Phase 1: The Fundamentals of Entrepreneurship and Agribusiness (75 participants)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Online/asynchronous course</li><li>• Evaluation</li></ul>	August – October 2023
<u>Phase 2: Leadership and Innovation for Sustainable Food Systems</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Online/asynchronous course</li><li>• Hackathon (Online or in-person)</li><li>• Evaluation</li></ul>	October – December 2023
<u>Phase 3: Business Blueprint Incubation and In-person Workshop (15 participants)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Online mentorship sessions</li><li>• Japan-based workshop</li></ul>	January – March 2024

NB: The dates and topics of the training are subject to change.

## How to Apply

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UNITAR will inform you if you are selected to participate in the programme.

# About UNITAR

United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) was established in 1963 as an autonomous body within the United Nations and is headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland. As a training arm of the United Nations system, 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 designs and conducts some 500 different global training activities per year for more than 133,000 participants. Our alumni include diplomats and other government officials, non-governmental representatives, and local authorities.

The Division for Prosperity is one of the eight divisions of UNITAR and consists of the Trade and Finance Programme Unit and the Hiroshima Office. We offer cutting-edge training and learning opportunities that promote inclusive and sustainable economic growth.

UNITAR Prosperity has extensive expertise in developing and delivering training on entrepreneurship and leadership in conflict and post-conflict countries. Empowering leaders in marginalized communities for many years, the Division has a unique understanding of the needs of participants as they work towards peace and stability.

## Contact

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**500** Trainings

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500 different trainings are conducted worldwide each year.

**50+** Experience

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Established in 1963, UNITAR has more than 50 years of experience in diplomatic training.

**80,000** Trained

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More than 80,000 participants took part in UNITAR training.