

United Nations Institute for Training and Research

Enabling Member States and the UN system
to learn, adapt and deliver results.

Who We Are

The **United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)** is the training and capacity-development arm of the United Nations. Headquartered in Geneva, it supports Member States and stakeholders worldwide to strengthen skills, knowledge and institutional capacities to address global challenges.

Working with partners across the United Nations system, governments, academia, civil society and the private sector, UNITAR delivers training and learning solutions that support the implementation of global agreements, including the **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**.

Our Mission

UNITAR's mission is to bridge gaps in knowledge and skills through impactful training, research and innovative learning solutions.

What We Do

UNITAR strengthens capacities and supports the implementation of national and global commitments through training, learning solutions and partnerships.

Empower Individuals

UNITAR equips individuals with skills and knowledge to support multilateral diplomacy, improve public sector performance and advance the SDGs.

Strengthen Institutions

UNITAR supports governments to strengthen governance, improve decision-making and advance the 2030 Agenda.

Build Learning Ecosystems

UNITAR develops sustainable learning systems with partners to enable long-term capacity development.

Support the United Nations System

UNITAR enhances effectiveness of capacity development efforts across the UN system through shared learning, best practices and partnerships.

How We Deliver Our Work

UNITAR advances its mission through five interconnected workstreams that combine learning, knowledge, advisory support and research to build capacities and deliver sustainable impact:



Learning & Skills Development

Training and professional development opportunities, including fellowships, executive education, master's programmes and immersive learning experiences.



Knowledge Platforms & Systems

Digital platforms and tools that scale knowledge, foster collaboration and support the implementation of multilateral agreements.



Collaborative Knowledge Exchanges

Dialogues and peer-learning formats such as leadership retreats, scenario labs, executive roundtables and think tanks.



Advisory & Institutional Support

Tailored support to strengthen institutional capacities through assessments, training frameworks, curriculum design, certification and long-term accompaniment.



Research & Geospatial Solutions

Applied and policy-oriented research, including foresight studies, statistical and geospatial analysis, to generate evidence for decision-making.

Our Learning Solutions

UNITAR provides flexible learning opportunities tailored to diverse audiences.

Online Learning

Self-paced and facilitated courses and virtual classrooms accessible worldwide.

In-Person Training

Workshops, seminars and executive programmes delivered with UN, national and regional partners.

Blended Learning

Integrated programmes combining online and in-person training.

Learning Networks and Platforms

Global learning hubs and digital platforms that enable knowledge sharing and professional development.

Global Reach

UNITAR's training programmes reach participants across all regions of the world through digital and in-person training and capacity-development programmes.

Each year, the Institute engages **more than half a million learners from governments, international organizations, academia and civil society.**

Through partnerships with UN agencies, national institutions, universities and regional organizations, UNITAR helps strengthen national capacities and supports the implementation of global agreements at scale.

Partnerships for Impact

Partnerships are central to UNITAR's work. The Institute collaborates with:

- Governments and national institutions
- United Nations entities
- International and regional organizations
- Universities and research institutions
- Civil society and the private sector

Through these partnerships, UNITAR strengthens knowledge exchange and expands the reach and impact of its capacity-development programmes.

How We Are Funded

The Institute is project-based and does not receive any funds from the United Nations regular budget. UNITAR is financed entirely from voluntary contributions derived mainly from UN Member States, other UN agencies, CIFAL affiliated training centres, development banks, NGO, private sector businesses, and academic institutions.

The proposed programme budget for the biennium 2026-2027 is projected at USD 104 million (UNITAR Programme Budget 2026-2027)

Quick Facts



Established

1965



Headquarters

Geneva, Switzerland



Mandate

To enhance the effectiveness of the UN in achieving its core objectives through training and research.



Global Reach

Learners from over 190 countries



Delivery

Online, blended and in-person learning



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