



The United Nations Institute for Training and Research

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Message From the Executive Director

I am pleased to present the 2025 Results Report of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR). This report highlights the progress, partnerships and impact achieved throughout the year as we continued to strengthen capacities across Member States and among a broad range of stakeholders at a time of profound global transformation. In an increasingly complex environment, the importance of accountability, measurable results and effective multilateral cooperation has never been greater.

The year 2025 unfolded amid persistent and interconnected global challenges. Climate pressures, conflicts, geopolitical instability, technological disruption and widening inequalities continue to test the resilience of societies and the effectiveness of international cooperation. At the same time, expectations of the United Nations system are evolving rapidly — requiring UN entities to adapt, innovate and deliver with greater coherence, efficiency, and impact. These realities reinforce the essential role of learning, training and capacity development in supporting countries and communities to navigate change and build sustainable solutions.

Against this backdrop, the Secretary-General's UN80 Initiative, launched in March 2025, represents an important milestone in efforts to build a more agile, coherent and future-ready United Nations. For UNITAR, this reform agenda carries

particular significance, including the proposed merger with the United Nations System Staff College. The initiative reflects a broader effort to strengthen coherence across the UN learning and knowledge architecture, consolidate training and research functions, and enhance the UN system's capacity to deliver integrated learning solutions at scale.

Within UNITAR, 2025 also marked an important strategic milestone with the adoption of the Institute's new four-year Strategic Framework. Aligned with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Pact for the Future, the framework sharpens UNITAR's focus on training, institutional strengthening and innovation in learning solutions that support self-sustaining national capacity systems capable of delivering development outcomes at scale. It reaffirms UNITAR's role as the dedicated training and capacity development arm of the United Nations and is anchored around four strategic objectives: empowering individuals, strengthening institutions, building learning ecosystems, and supporting the United Nations system. The examples presented throughout this report demonstrate how these priorities are translating into concrete and measurable results.

In 2025, UNITAR continued to expand its reach and deepen its impact worldwide. The Institute reached approximately 577,000 learners and beneficiaries through its projects, programmes and services.

Sixty-four per cent participated in structured learning activities, including e-learning courses, workshops and professional development programmes. We maintained balanced gender participation across learning-related activities while continuing to engage a predominantly young audience, reflecting sustained investment in the next generation of leaders and changemakers.

Partnerships remained central to our approach and to our ability to deliver results at scale. Seventy-seven per cent of learning events were implemented in collaboration with partners, and 94 per cent of learners were reached through these joint efforts. This partnership-driven model continues to strengthen contextual relevance, expand outreach and enhance collective impact.

As demand for training, research and capacity development continues to grow, UNITAR remains firmly committed to supporting Member States and partners in advancing shared priorities and addressing emerging global challenges. We will continue to strengthen our partnerships, innovate in our delivery approaches, and contribute to a more effective and responsive multilateral system that leaves no one behind.



Michelle Gyles-McDonnough

United Nations Assistant Secretary-General
Executive Director, UNITAR



Expanding Reach Through Training and Knowledge-Sharing

UNITAR continued its leadership in delivering accessible training and related knowledge services across global priorities, with **577,018 individuals** reached in 2025 - a three per cent increase from the previous year.ⁱ **Sixty-four per cent of these participants engaged in structured activities with defined learning outcomes**, while 36 per cent took part in broader knowledge-sharing formats such as conferences, public lectures and expert forums.ⁱⁱ

The Institute continued to serve a wide spectrum of learners, including representatives from national, state and local governments; non-state actors such as non-governmental organizations (NGOs), academia and the private sector, as well as UN and other international and regional organizations. Gender distribution among participants of learning-related events remained broadly balanced at 42 per cent female to 53 per cent male breakdown (5 per cent non-binary, undisclosed or not reported) - a slight skew due to higher male participation in climate change learning.

Consistent with prior years, nearly **three quarters (78 per cent) of our learners came from developing countries**, with 20 per cent coming from least developed countries (LDCs), landlocked developing countries (LLDCs) and small island developing States (SIDS). See Chart 1. The Asia Pacific and Africa regions accounted for the highest proportion of learners. See Chart 2.ⁱⁱⁱ

These results underscore the Institute's commitment to inclusive, impactful learning that supports global capacity development and contributes meaningfully to the advancement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



Participant shares her views during a group discussion in the Women's Leadership Development Course.

CHART 1: Learners by country status

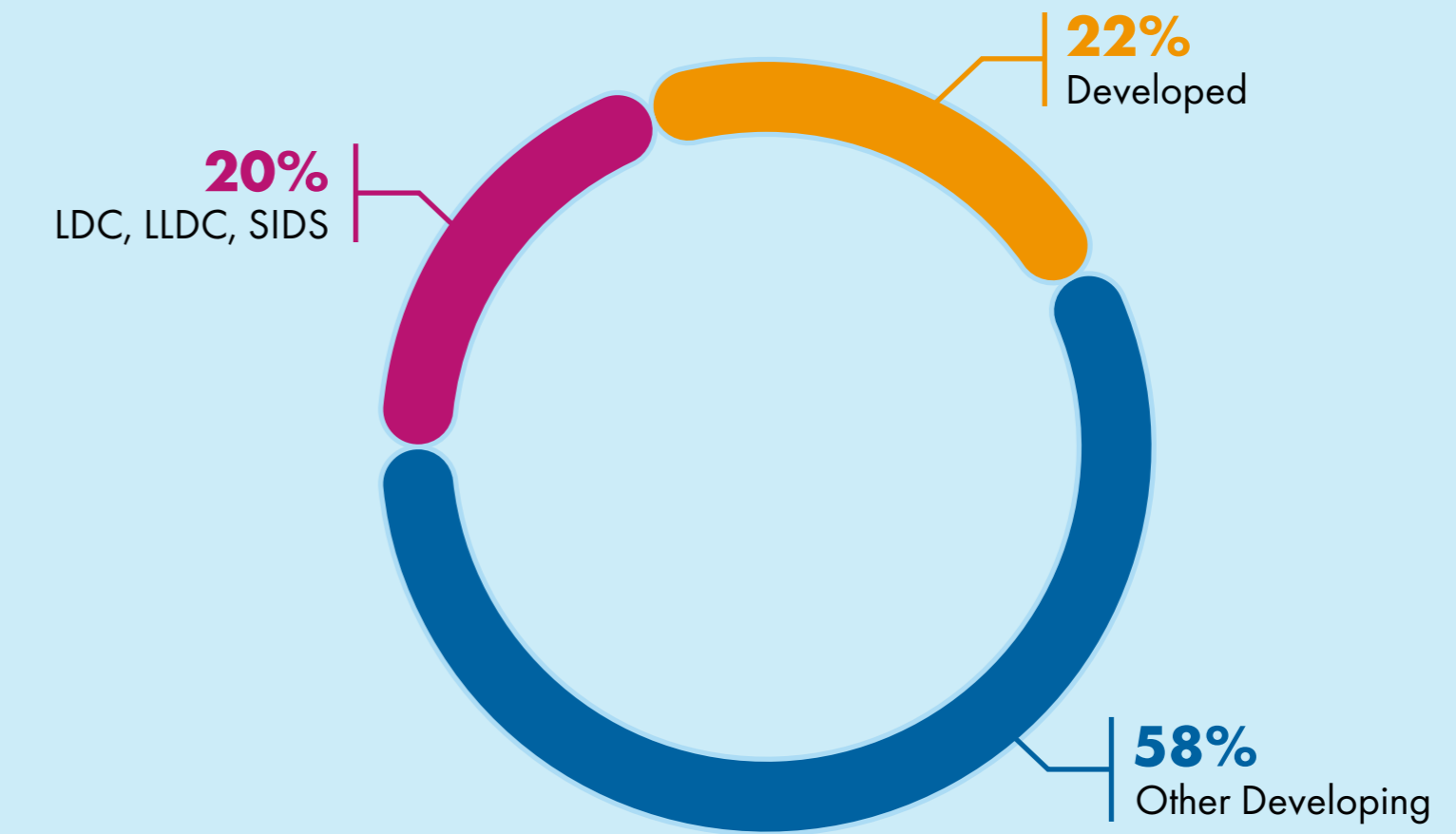
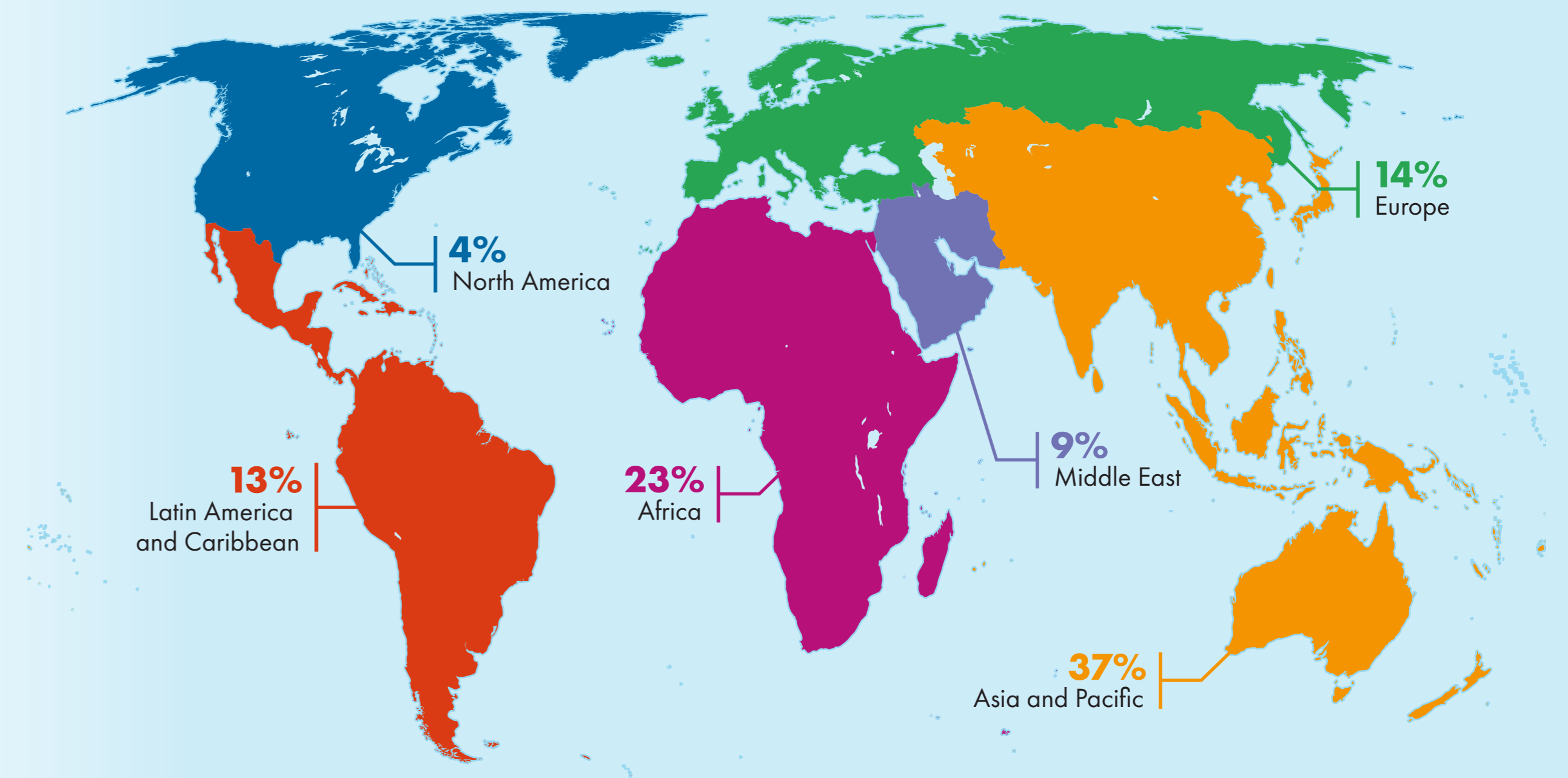


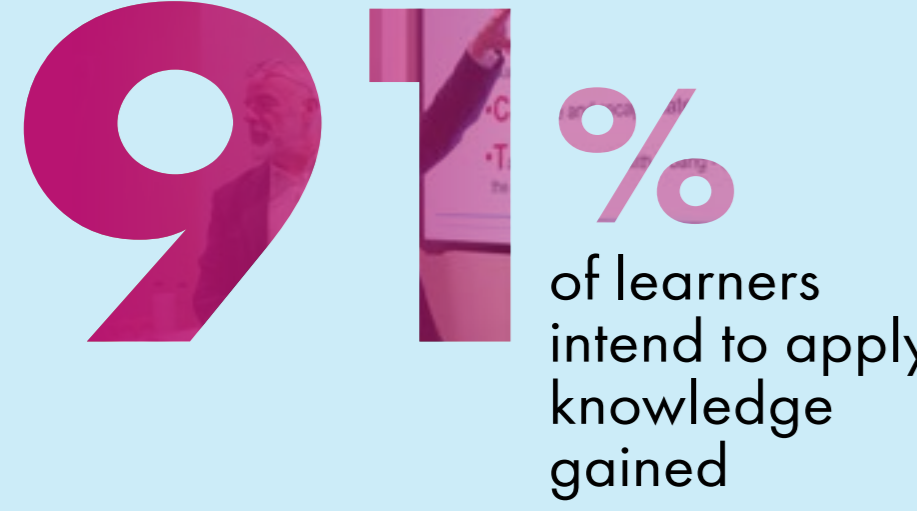
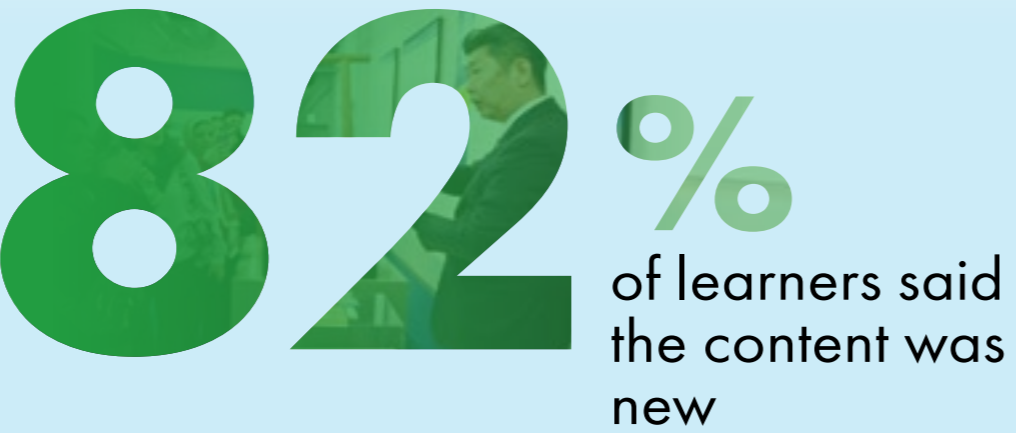
CHART 2: Learners by region



Delivering Results Through Learning: High Satisfaction, Relevance and Knowledge Application

UNITAR awarded **certificates of participation and completion** to **142,893^{iv} learners** taking part in events with objective assessment of knowledge. Learner feedback remained positive, with 87 per cent of respondents affirming job relevance of the training, 82 per cent reporting the information as new, 91 per cent expressing an intention to apply the knowledge and skills gained, and 91 per

cent finding the training useful overall.^v Beyond this immediate feedback, we continue to assess the application of our learning offerings through post-training follow-up surveys. In 2025, **77 per cent** of respondents confirmed that they had successfully transferred or **applied the knowledge and skills** acquired through UNITAR training activities.^{vi}



A Growing Portfolio in Applied Research and Knowledge Products

Beyond training, UNITAR delivered essential analytical and research services. The United Nations Satellite Centre produced **over 790 maps and geospatial products**, supporting partners in more than 41 countries impacted by conflict or natural disasters. Additionally, our Sustainable Cycles (SCYCLE) Programme contributed to global policy dialogue on e-waste through evidence-based research and high-impact publications. As part of [FutuRaM](#), a project funded under the European Commission's Horizon Europe Scheme, the SCYCLE Programme released a [report](#) in October 2025 on the **critical raw materials outlook for waste electrical and electronic equipment**. This publication was accessed from 55 countries with potential impressions over 1 billion, as reported by a media monitoring company^{vii}.

UNITAR also published applied research on drink-driving among youth aged 15–25. The study used a mixed methods approach that combined large-scale meta-analysis with machine learning techniques, including social media sentiment analysis, strengthening the evidence base for targeted road safety policy and interventions. The Institute also launched MotoAI, a motorcycle safety platform powered by artificial

intelligence (AI) that assesses individual risk across 34 indicators. It converts rider data into actionable intelligence for policymakers, informing targeted interventions under the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2021–2030.

In December 2025, UNITAR convened the 3rd International Research Conference “Bridging Knowledge and Action to Deliver the SDGs”. This event brought together 119 researchers, practitioners and learners, in Brussels and online, to connect academic insight with policy and practice, highlighting digital transformation and inclusive learning ecosystems.

The Institute’s knowledge products continue to support training professionals across the globe. The guidelines for developing [Inclusivity](#) and [Gender Mainstreaming](#) Frameworks have been widely used to support training institutions and learning professionals in their effort to leave no one behind.



Report on the critical raw materials outlook for waste electrical and electronic equipment



Guidelines on inclusivity framework for training programmes



Guidelines on mainstreaming gender in the training cycle

Delivering Learning at Scale Through Strategic Partnerships

Michelle Gyles-McDonnough and Reginald Goodridge signing a Memorandum of Understanding in Geneva.

In 2025, **94 per cent** of our **371,703** learners were trained **through partnerships** with UN entities, governments, universities, international organizations, private sector actors, NGOs, foundations and others. UNITAR's diverse partner ecosystem enables the Institute to combine its expertise in adult learning and instructional design with specialized knowledge from across sectors.

Flagship partnerships were pivotal in delivering inclusive, high-quality learning experiences worldwide. These included the **One UN Climate Change Learning Partnership (UN CC:Learn)** (36 agencies); the **Partnership for Action on Green Economy** (International Labour Organization (ILO), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), and United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and UNITAR); **UN SDG:Learn** (UN System Staff College

and UNITAR); and the **Global Network of International Training Centres for Authorities and Leaders (CIFAL)**.

In late 2025, UNITAR was designated as the new administering organization of the **Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals (IOMC)**, bringing together the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (FAO), ILO, UNDP, UNEP, UNIDO, UNITAR, World Health Organization (WHO), the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, the World Bank Group, and the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions. As the new administrative host of the IOMC, UNITAR is supporting effective collaboration among participating organizations to address country capacity needs through training and other forms of technical assistance.



94%
of learners were
trained in partnership

40%
of events were
organized with the
UN system partners

UNITAR worked with
314
partners in 2025

Bringing Training Closer to Beneficiaries Through Global and Regional Delivery

In 2025, UNITAR delivered a total of **1,394** events, of which **899** were **learning events** with learning objectives. Almost half (**49 per cent**) of these learning events were conducted through **face-to-face** or residential formats. **Seventy-nine per cent** of face-to-face events were **delivered in the field**, outside of Geneva where UNITAR

maintains its headquarters, or at its project office locations in Bonn or Hiroshima or at its representational office in New York.

As illustrated in Chart 3, we delivered training, research and capacity development projects in **105 countries**, with many projects having a global or regional focus.^{viii}

CHART 3: Capacity development project locations



Programme Highlights

The following programme highlights are presented under the 2026–2029 strategic objectives approved in November 2025, reflecting the transition to a new Strategic Framework that will guide the Institute’s programming over the next four years. Under each strategic objective, UNITAR strengthened individual and institutional capacities, supported evidence-based decision-making and enabled stakeholders to apply knowledge in real-world contexts. Across regions and thematic areas, these initiatives contributed to more inclusive, effective and accountable systems, advancing the SDGs and reinforcing the UN system’s impact on the ground.

Students of the Master in Digital International Relations and Diplomacy, during the immersive week at UNITAR Headquarters in Geneva.

Empowering Individuals

Individuals are empowered with the capacities to advance multilateral diplomacy, public sector performance and the SDGs.

In 2025, targeted training and capacity-development initiatives supported diplomats, policymakers, educators, entrepreneurs, early-career professionals and youth to translate knowledge into action across diverse contexts. From strengthening effective participation in multilateral processes to driving climate action, local SDG implementation and innovation in food security and higher education, these programmes demonstrate how capacity development leads to tangible, sustainable impact.

Training workshop on negotiation skills and techniques.



Building Effective Multilateral Engagement at UN Headquarters

In 2025, UNITAR’s diplomatic training activities at the UN Headquarters in New York reached over 8,000 diplomats and other delegates across 93 capacity-building events. These engagements strengthened participation in multilateral negotiations and contributed to more transparent and accountable global governance. Through targeted training, learners enhanced their capacity to engage effectively in multilateral diplomacy. Flagship activities included the Orientation Course on the Work of the Economic and Social Council, the Briefing for Delegates on the UN General Assembly and its Main Committees, the Security Council Training for Delegates, and the Joint High-Level Fifth Committee Briefing on UN Budgetary and Financial Governance.

As a result, participants improved their ability to navigate UN decision-making processes, engage in budgetary and financial negotiations, understand United Nations Security Council (UNSC) working methods, and interpret the institutional relationship between the General Assembly and the UNSC. High-level dialogues with ambassadors and senior UN officials enabled delegates to translate this knowledge into practical engagement within their permanent missions.



Driving SDG Implementation for Local Impact

The CIFAL Global Network reached 162,246 participants through 406 capacity-building activities across Africa, the Americas, Asia and Europe, strengthening the capacities of government officials, youth leaders, educators and civil society actors to advance the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Participants applied new knowledge and tools to improve policy planning, programme implementation and community initiatives aligned with the SDGs.

CIFAL Centres supported learners in translating training into local action. In Asia Pacific, CIFAL Philippines enhanced the skills of migration practitioners and public officials, contributing to improved coordination and migrant support mechanisms. In Europe, CIFAL Istanbul (Türkiye) empowered youth and women through leadership and entrepreneurship training supporting SDG 5 and SDG 8. Globally, CIFAL centres in Curitiba (Brazil), Durban (South Africa), Flanders (Belgium), Malaga (Spain) and Mérida (Mexico) helped integrate SDG targets into institutional strategies and sustainable urban development efforts (SDG 11), supporting SDG 9 and SDG 13.

CIFAL centres in Atlanta (United States), Mérida, Miami (United States) and York (Canada), supported 25 civil aviation authorities and 238 airports to strengthen their capacity in airport management with emphasis on SIDS and LLDCs.



From Climate Learning to Climate Action

In 2025, UN CC:Learn further consolidated its role as UNITAR's flagship climate change learning programme, demonstrating how learning translates into behavioural change and innovation in climate action. Since its launch in 2014, the platform surpassed one million registrations, with nearly 200,000 new learners joining in 2025 from 197 countries, and close to 150,000 certificates of completion awarded.

Evidence from beneficiaries shows strong application of learning outcomes, strengthening the national and global environment for climate action. Ninety per cent reported applying the knowledge and skills acquired, while 83 per cent indicated that they had taken climate action or made climate-friendly decisions. In addition, 96 per cent reported changes in their resource consumption patterns, and 92 per cent felt more confident advocating for climate action after completing training.

Testimonials further illustrate how participants are translating learning into practice. For example, by integrating sustainability into architecture, strengthening climate advocacy and youth engagement, incorporating climate considerations into legal and environmental work, and developing innovative solutions, such as water monitoring systems and renewable energy technologies.



Empowering Women and Youth Entrepreneurs to Fight Food Insecurity

The Entrepreneurship and Innovation Training Programme, delivered with the support of the Government of Japan, strengthened the capacity of women and youth in Egypt, Iraq and Lebanon to start or grow a business in agribusiness and food security.

Through a three-phase learning journey combining self-paced online modules, expert webinars, mentorship and applied assignments, 524 participants built foundational entrepreneurship knowledge and 186 advanced to deeper skills development. In addition, 36 high performers attended an in-person workshop, including sessions with Japanese companies and industry experts.

Across all phases, participants engaged with market analysis, project management, leadership and AI-driven tools, guided by academic and subject matter experts. Through structured mentoring, they refined context-specific business models, strengthening feasibility and implementation readiness and contributing to more resilient, opportunity-driven entrepreneurship across the region.



Strengthening Professional Capacities Through Master's Programmes

UNITAR strengthened its collaboration with universities and academic institutions worldwide, delivering joint master's programmes that combine academic excellence with practical, field-oriented learning for professionals. In 2025, learners from across the globe graduated from programmes spanning a wide range of disciplines, including public health, supply chain management, data management and digital health, electoral policy and administration, humanitarian affairs and peacebuilding, conflict, peace and security, diplomacy and international law.

Building on this foundation, UNITAR expanded its academic portfolio through new partnerships with leading institutions, responding to the growing demand for skills in emerging fields. New programmes include: Master of Science (professional) in data science and AI applications, developed in partnership with Asian Institute of Technology, designed to equip professionals for an evolving digital landscape; in collaboration with Loughborough University, Mater of Science in climate, energy and humanitarian action, addressing the increasing need for expertise at the intersection of climate science, energy

systems and humanitarian response; and dual doctorate and master's programmes in business administration and AI engineering, further strengthening leadership and analytical capacities among mid-, senior- and executive-level professionals.

In 2025, UNITAR partnered with a broad network of academic institutions to design and deliver these programmes, including the Asian Institute of Technology, aSSIST University, École supérieure des affaires (ESA Business School), Empower School of Health, EU Business School, Universidad Europea de Valencia, Loughborough University, LUISS School of Government, Moscow State Institute of International Relations, Universitat Oberta de Catalunya, Oxford Brookes University, University for Peace, Schiller International University, Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Seton Hall University, Sigmund Freud University Vienna and University of Stirling.



Empower School of Health, |
graduation ceremony



UNITAR Alumni Drive Inclusive Early Warning System in the Solomon Islands



Participant name

Alex Rilifia

Position

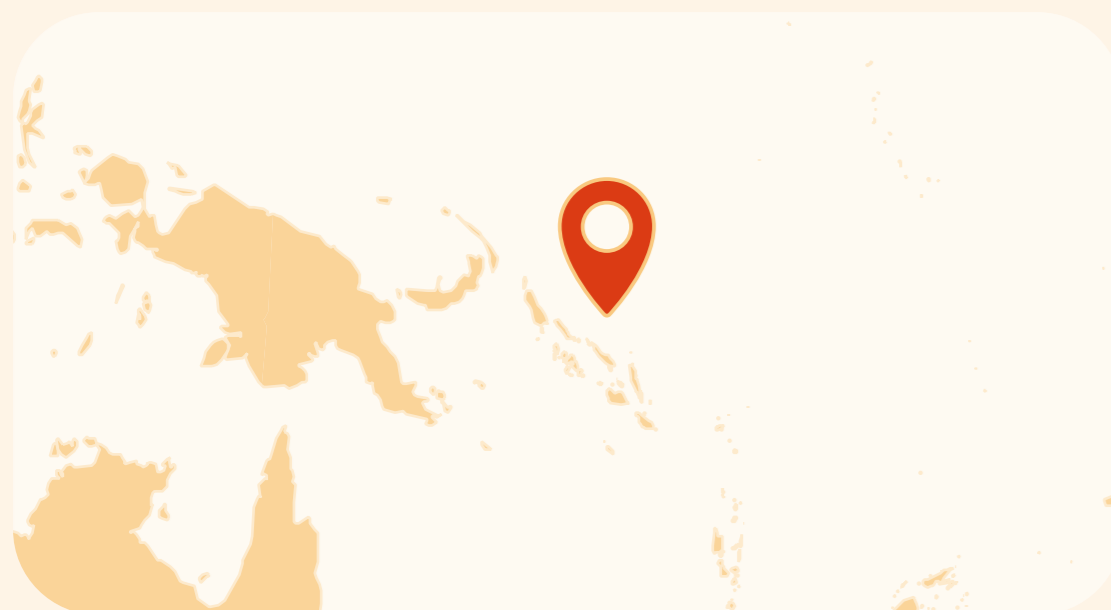
Senior weather forecaster,
Solomon Islands Meteorological Service

Programme completed

Leave No One Behind
Rapid Response to Climate Crises
through Early Warning Systems

Location

Solomon Islands



"The UNITAR Early Warning Systems programme helped tremendously to prepare me to contribute to the [Global System for Mobile Communications Association] pilot project in the Solomon Islands. It enhanced my understanding of the fundamental principles behind effective early warning systems, while also highlighting the importance of community-focused approaches and inclusive communication."

UNITAR alumni Alex, alongside his team, contributed to a national initiative to develop an inclusive early warning system in the Solomon Islands. The new mobile cell-broadcasted early warning system delivers instant alerts to all mobile users without the need for internet or phone numbers. The initiative is part of the Early Warnings for All – Pillar 3 initiative, led by the International Telecommunication Union. Participation in the UNITAR programme supported their theoretical understanding of early warning systems and provided initial hands-on opportunities in early warning system design, stakeholder coordination and community-based response planning.



Participants gathered in a plenary session, reflecting on lessons related to tsunami awareness and risk reduction.

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Strengthening Institutions

Institutions in developing countries are strengthened to accelerate the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, implement the Pact for the Future and respond to national priorities.

In 2025, UNITAR's capacity development initiatives reinforced institutional effectiveness across thematic areas, including multilateral diplomacy, maritime governance, road safety and green economy. By improving coordination, decision-making and operational readiness, these programmes enabled institutions to deliver more coherent, accountable and results-oriented responses to complex challenges, contributing to sustainable development and strengthened multilateral engagement.

On the deck of the vessel at sea, a Togolese naval officer and a trainer review equipment and procedures, illustrating hands-on training in maritime security operations.



Strengthening Somalia's Engagement in the UNSC

From November 2024 to November 2025, with financial support from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy, UNITAR supported Somalia's engagement as a non-permanent member of the UNSC.

Through targeted training, executive seminars and strategic advisory support, Somali diplomats strengthened their capacity to engage in multilateral negotiations, analyse complex peace and security crises and contribute to the drafting of UNSC resolutions. Evaluation data from more than 35 diplomats participating in intensive in-person training sessions in Rome and Mogadishu demonstrated strong results: 100 per cent reported increased awareness of UNSC processes, while 90 per cent rated the knowledge and skills acquired as highly relevant to their professional functions.

The programme also supported the establishment of coordination mechanisms, enabling Somali institutions to engage more effectively in UNSC deliberations and advance priorities related to peace, security and multilateral cooperation. This contributes to SDG 16, particularly target 16.8.



Reinforcing Road Safety Capacities of Government Institutions

UNITAR's Road Safety Global Training Initiative provides targeted, action-oriented support to reduce road traffic fatalities and injuries. It is aligned with the Global Plan for the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2021-2030 and SDG target 3.6.

A flagship initiative is the Safe Mobility for All and for Life aimed at empowering automobile clubs and government authorities responsible for road safety. In 2025, the initiative was implemented in Latin America and Asia Pacific, providing comprehensive training to 45 automobile clubs and 22 road safety related government institutions from 27 countries. As a result, training participants from Latin America designed, and are currently implementing, 12 targeted interventions that improve road safety. In 2026, 17 projects will be designed and implemented in the Asia Pacific region, with expansion of the initiative to Africa, Central and Eastern Europe, and the Middle East.

Another key initiative is "Delivery Seguro", a multi-stakeholder targeted intervention that aims to mitigate risky riding behaviours and enhance the safety of motorcycle drivers delivering food and other goods in cities with high fatality rates among this group.

With active engagement from civil society and local governments from Santo Domingo and Santiago de Los Caballeros in the Dominican Republic, 500 motorcyclists were trained through 17 sessions, improving safety and livelihoods. A total of 51 hours of instruction was provided to riders, and 500 certified helmets were donated to the trained motorcyclists.

Bolstering Maritime Security and Regional Coordination

Maritime security institutions in the Gulf of Guinea strengthened their capacity to detect, assess and respond to maritime threats through the Safe Seas project, funded by the European Union and implemented in partnership with *Institut de Sécurité Maritime Interrégional*. Personnel working in national and regional maritime security centres enhanced their ability to analyse maritime intelligence, monitor maritime activities and coordinate responses to incidents such as piracy, trafficking and illegal fishing.

In Togo, 30 senior officials improved inter-agency coordination and preparedness to integrate satellite and drone technologies for maritime surveillance. Across the Yaoundé Architecture^{ix}, maritime centres adopted more harmonized procedures and increased information-sharing, improving coordinated regional responses. UNITAR also supported more inclusive maritime governance: over 100 women professionals strengthened their networks and access to maritime security roles, while officers in regional centres advanced gender-responsive leadership practices. These changes strengthen institutional resilience and contribute to safer maritime trade and advancing SDGs 5, 14 and 16.



Financing Just Transitions

The Partnership for Action on Green Economy and the UN Development Coordination Office delivered online training on [Financing Just Transitions](#) for eight countries. In Tunisia, the UNITAR-organized training helped reconvene different national stakeholders engaged in sustainability topics, breaking down institutional silos and fostering closer working relationships between key actors working on sustainable development issues in the country.

Coaching sessions represented an opportunity to discuss the national just transition strategy, explore how Tunisia might link its Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) (3.0) to a national strategy for just transitions, and develop recommendations for Tunisia's NDC Steering Committee.



Impact Story

From Human Rights Knowledge to Action



Participant name

Majed Abdullah Alanazi

Position

Customer experience manager,
Social Development Bank

Programme completed

Expert in Human Rights Programme in
the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Country

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia



"I applied the knowledge by conducting an internal awareness workshop on key human rights principles and their relevance to the Social Development Bank's services. This helped me review customer journeys with a stronger focus on fairness, accessibility and supporting vulnerable groups, which improved the way we design and deliver our services."

Majed Abdullah Alanazi works as a customer experience manager at the Social Development Bank. He took the initiative to organize an internal awareness workshop that directly linked human rights principles to the Bank's work with vulnerable groups. The workshop introduced a new perspective and encouraged colleagues to reflect on how these considerations could improve service design and delivery. It also sparked a series of informal exchanges with colleagues and department managers. Through these interactions, Mr. Alanazi shared key insights from the programme and supported colleagues in connecting principles, standards and recommendations to their day-to-day professional responsibilities.

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Building Learning Ecosystems

Countries build robust learning ecosystems to meet their learning needs and foster lasting impact.

In 2025, UNITAR's targeted initiatives strengthened national and regional training systems across peacekeeping, higher education and security sectors. By enhancing training delivery, promoting inclusive and gender-responsive approaches and reinforcing institutional ownership, these programmes enabled countries to sustain learning, improve operational readiness and drive continuous capacity development in support of peace, security and sustainable development.

Participants engaging in a practical group exercise during the FPU-Logistics Course, collaborating on logistical planning and problem-solving.



Building Stronger National Training Systems for Effective Police Deployment

Police officers deployed to UN peace operations must operate effectively in fragile and conflict-affected environments. However, uneven national training systems often create gaps in preparedness. In response, police institutions across four continents strengthened their capacity to prepare mission-ready officers for deployment.

More than 500 officers and instructors from 18 contributing countries enhanced their operational readiness through scenario-based training aligned with UN policing standards. Following the programme, national training centres integrated these methodologies into their pre-deployment training systems, improving the consistency and quality of preparation for future deployments.

By strengthening institutional training capacity and promoting professional policing standards, operational leadership and increased participation of women in policing, these efforts contribute to more effective and accountable peace operations. The initiative supports the Women, Peace and Security agenda and advances SDG 16 by reinforcing strong institutions capable of sustaining peace and security.



Advancing Sustainability in Higher Education

In 2025, participants of two editions of the LEAP-FAST Certificate Programme enhanced their knowledge and practical skills to integrate sustainability competencies into higher education teaching, curriculum development and institutional practices. This strengthened the capacity of educators and academic leaders to drive sustainability transformation within their institutions.

An evaluation assessing application of learning and institutional change showed strong results. Of 113 alumni contacted, 56 responded, with 91 per cent reporting application of knowledge and skills in their professional roles. Participants advanced sustainability integration by revising curricula or course content (69 per cent), strengthening competency-based learning outcomes (60 per cent) and applying more active, participatory and experiential teaching methods (54 per cent).

In addition, 76 per cent reported that these changes contributed to progress on the SDG. Participants also reported continued implementation of action plans and capstone projects, with 69 per cent experiencing expanded leadership responsibilities and 37 per cent increased involvement in institutional decision-making.



Strengthening Gender-Responsive Peace Operations

In complex peace operations, military decisions directly affect the safety of civilian populations. Yet commanders often lack practical guidance to integrate gender perspectives into operations. In response, through UNITAR's Reinforcement Training Package, 170 military gender advisers from 33 troop-contributing countries strengthened their ability to advise commanders on gender-responsive planning and field operations.

Following the training, 98 per cent of participants reported applying advisory tools in mission preparation, operational briefings or national training programmes. As a result, gender advisers more effectively influenced command-level decision-making and strengthened their institutional role within military structures.

By enabling advisers to integrate gender perspectives into operational planning and training systems, UNITAR supports more inclusive and responsive peace operations that better protect civilians. These outcomes advance the implementation of UNSC Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security, while contributing to SDGs 5 and 16 by promoting gender equality and strengthening accountable and inclusive institutions in peace and security contexts.



Supporting African Peacekeeping Training Centres

UNITAR's support to the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPTC), the *École de Maintien de la Paix "Alioune Blondin Bèye"* (EMP-ABB) and the Tanzania Peacekeeping Training Centre (TPTC) contributed to strengthening peacekeeping training institutions in Africa by enhancing training delivery, digital capacity and institutional visibility.

In Ghana, KAIPTC delivered 17 training courses reaching 723 participants, updated two existing courses to ensure continued relevance and developed a new e-learning pre-course on women in leadership positions. In Mali, EMP-ABB delivered 12 training courses for 474 participants and strengthened its digital infrastructure through the acquisition of software, connectivity services and IT equipment. In Tanzania, TPTC delivered 10 training activities reaching 1,494 participants, issued its first annual report and secured the opportunity to host the 2026 conference of the International Association of Peacekeeping Training Centres.



Impact Story

From National Training Centre to Continental Reference: Strengthening TPTC's Role in Peace Operations



Training institute

Tanzania Peacekeeping Training Center (TPTC)

Programme

Support to the annual training programme realized by the KAIPTC, the EMP-ABB and the Peacekeeping Training Centre of the Tanzanian Armed Forces in 2025

Country

United Republic of Tanzania

In 2025, UNITAR contributed to a broader institutional transformation already underway within the TPTC. It supported the centre's evolution from a nationally focused training facility into an emerging centre of reference for peacekeeping training on the African continent. While UNITAR-funded activities reached 1,494 personnel across key pre-deployment and specialized modules, these efforts complemented a much wider training programme delivered by TPTC, offering targeted support on curriculum revision, instructor capacity, and the integration of lessons learned and digital tools. UNITAR's support strengthened the centre's ability to deliver structured, performance-oriented training aligned with operational realities.

The most significant impact, however, lies beyond the number of personnel trained: it is reflected in the field, where peacekeeping contingents are increasingly better prepared, more disciplined, and able to operate under pressure while upholding the highest standards of conduct, including Tanzania's strong commitment to zero tolerance for sexual exploitation and abuse. This shift is positioning TPTC as a key contributor to more effective and accountable peace operations, a trajectory that will culminate with the centre hosting the International Association of Peacekeeping Training Centres conference in 2026.

"We are no longer training individuals - we are preparing units to perform."

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Supporting the United Nations System to Scale Impact

The quality and effectiveness of UN capacity-building efforts are enhanced through shared-learning platforms, best practice and research.

In 2025, UNITAR's collaborative initiatives with key partners advanced knowledge generation, policy development and institutional innovation across trade, digital governance, humanitarian response and peace operations, and circular economy measurement. By promoting best practice, harmonized methodologies and system-wide coordination, these efforts strengthened the ability of countries and UN entities to deliver more coherent, efficient and impactful support aligned with global priorities.

Participants engaging in a reflective exercise, sharing perspectives and experiences from the agribusiness SME development programme.



SRSB Seminar: Strengthening Leadership and Coordination Across UN Peace Operations

The Seminar for Special and Personal Representatives and Envoys of the Secretary-General (SRSB) is the annual opportunity for the Secretary-General, together with departmental heads, to reflect and think forward with the most senior officials heading peace missions and operations around the world. Through this seminar, Senior Representatives and Envoys engage in peer-to-peer exchange, share lessons, strategies and practice, and participate in bilateral conferences related to priorities, challenges and pathways forward in specific contexts. as a vital part of the deliberations.

Evaluation results demonstrate the seminar's strong impact: 100 per cent of respondents indicated that the opportunity to engage with the Secretary-General, hear his vision and guidance, and to hold bilateral consultations with peers and headquarters leadership is crucial for their work.



UNITAR-FAO: Enhancing national capacities for agricultural policy

Since 2014, the partnership between UNITAR and FAO has strengthened national capacities for agricultural policy, trade governance and evidence-based decision-making through complementary mandates and sustained collaboration. Over more than a decade, joint capacity development initiatives have consistently achieved a 98 per cent participant satisfaction and recommendation rate, reflecting the quality and relevance of the programme.

In 2025, the regional course Agriculture in Trade Agreements, delivered in Arabic for officials from the Near East and North Africa region, enhanced institutional readiness across four key areas:

1. Policy analysis and design aligning national agricultural trade policies with World Trade Organization and regional commitments.
2. Operational practice, integrating sanitary and phytosanitary, technical barriers to trade, and planting health standards into inspection and customs procedures.
3. Institutional knowledge dissemination, embedding course materials into internal training and peer learning across ministries.
4. Strategic decision support, equipping officials to brief senior leadership on trade agreements' implications for food security and rural development.

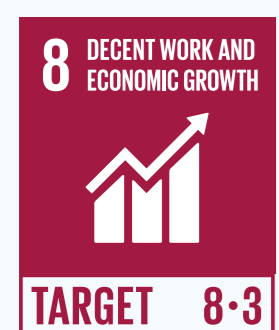


This partnership continues to support national institutions in navigating global trade dynamics and leveraging agricultural trade for sustainable development.

UNITAR-UNCTAD: Advancing digital government and investment facilitation

Through the [Digital Government Academy](#), UNITAR supported the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) to advance innovative private sector development and competitiveness, and modernize digital government procedures, to foster more efficient, transparent and investment-friendly environments. Results demonstrate a strategic shift toward streamlined administrative procedures that support inclusive economic growth.

In the State of Palestine, national officials strengthened their capacity to configure automated procedures, using the eRegistrations system. A modernized registry and database environment was designed to independently configure, operate and expand [online company registration and post registration services](#). In Jordan, a national project team was trained to lead [new online services](#) and develop a communication strategy, laying institutional foundations for sustained digital service delivery and user engagement. In Kenya, the Kenya Investment Single Window became operational through a [unified digital platform](#), reducing investor registration processing times and strengthening the national investment ecosystem.



UNITAR-UNEP: Strengthening global circular economy monitoring systems

SCYCLE led the development and validation of two global statistical guidelines aimed at strengthening national, regional, and global capacities to measure material flows and circular economy performance, and to establish a harmonized and internationally comparable monitoring system. Through extensive expert consultations, iterative piloting, and close inter-agency coordination, SCYCLE finalized the third edition of the [E-waste Statistics Guidelines](#), which are endorsed by leading statistical actors worldwide.

In addition, SCYCLE served as a lead author of the [Statistical Guideline for Measuring Flows of Plastic Throughout the Life Cycle](#), developed in collaboration with, and financially supported by UNEP.

As part of the development process, SCYCLE delivered international workshops in Kenya, Thailand and Jamaica, where national statisticians and policymakers applied the guidelines in real data contexts. This training improved countries' abilities to produce harmonized and internationally comparable statistics on e-waste and plastics.

By promoting standardized indicators, classifications and reporting, SCYCLE enabled a shift from fragmented data practices to integrated, policy-oriented monitoring systems, strengthening evidence-based decision-making across governments and UN partners.



United Nations Satellite Centre: enabling coordinated and timely humanitarian action

As a core common service for the United Nations system, the United Nations Satellite Centre enabled partners across humanitarian and development operations to make faster, evidence-based decisions in crisis contexts, strengthening operational efficiency, reducing duplication and improving targeting of assistance.

During the [Myanmar earthquake](#) response, geospatial analysis supported the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) in prioritizing 700 sites from over 2,000 assessed locations, informing a US\$275 million Flash Addendum to the Humanitarian Needs and Response Plan aimed at reaching 1.1 million people. In Gaza, collaboration with FAO provided

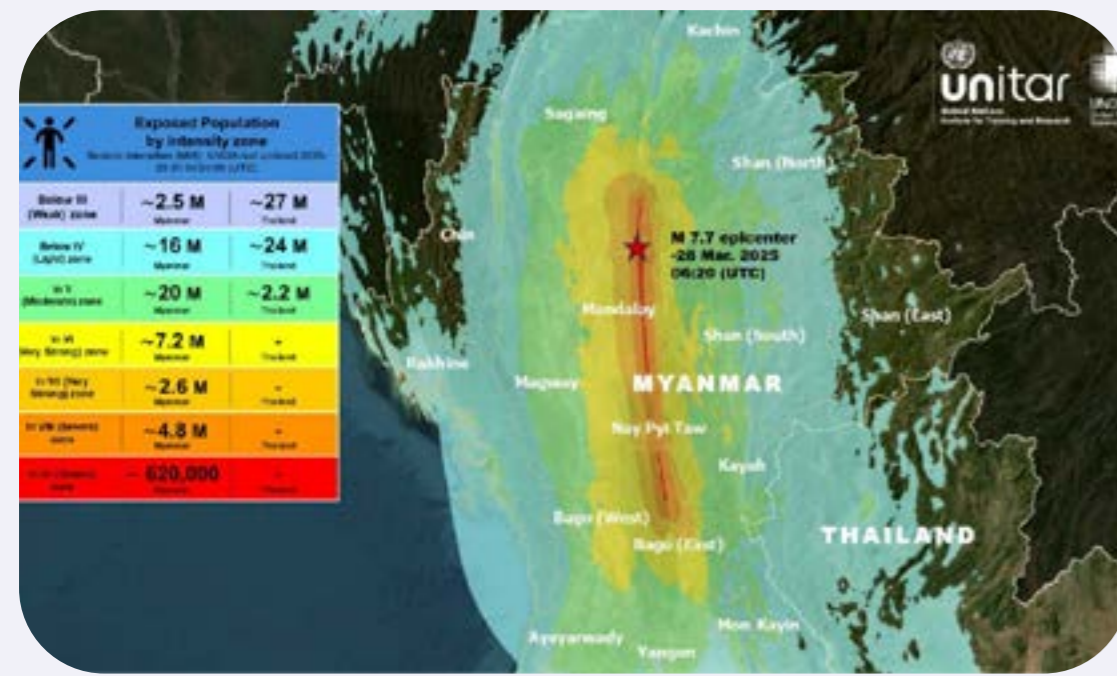
monthly cropland damage monitoring. This contributed to Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) and Famine Review Committee analyses, with geospatial evidence cited by the Independent International Commission of Inquiry, approved by the Human Rights Council. In response to the [Cabo Verde floods](#), support across the disaster management cycle informed a US\$42.6 million national recovery framework.

Decision support through geospatial analysis complementing other decision inputs strengthens coordinated, timely and accountable responses across the UN system.



Thailand Validation Workshop on the INFER (Insights on Food System Risks) Dashboard in Bangkok

United Nations Satellite Centre Emergency Mapping Service in Myanmar - Thailand Earthquake Response



"It's one of the times that I've used the United Nations Satellite Centre mapping product more to really help me to define where those locations were. Using the level of destruction that we see from the sky, we can prioritize where to send first responders"

Participant name

Roberto Colombo

Position

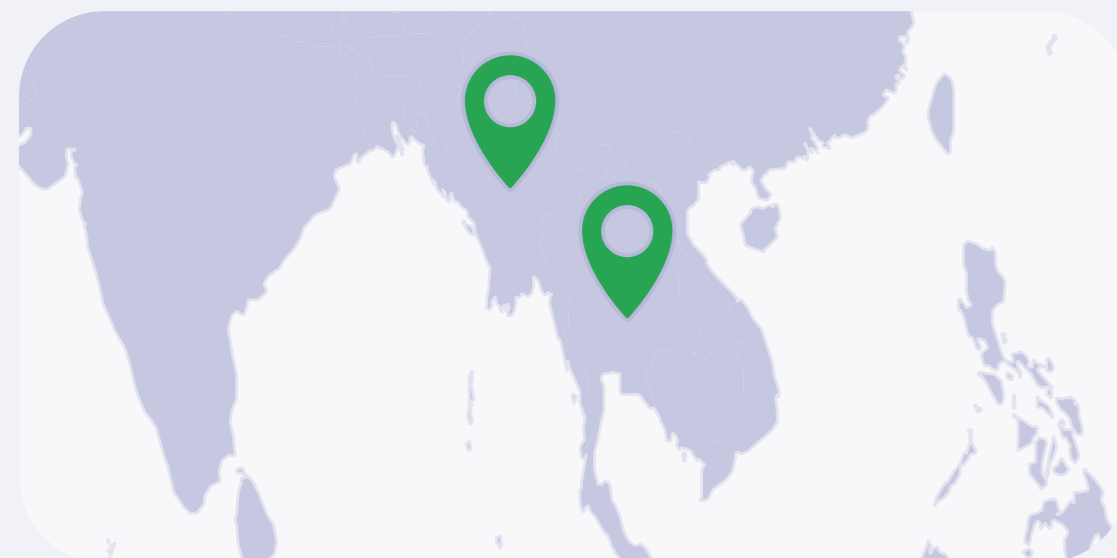
OCHA officer

Programme

United Nations Satellite Centre Emergency Mapping Service

Country

Myanmar and Thailand



After two consecutive earthquakes struck central Myanmar in March 2025, the United Nations Satellite Centre Emergency Mapping Service was activated by OCHA and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) to provide critical satellite imagery analysis. The United Nations Satellite Centre geospatial analyses identified damaged infrastructure across the affected regions, including cultural heritage sites. Through its mapping products, United Nations Satellite Centre contributed to OCHA's assessment priorities, resource allocation and humanitarian response planning across sectors, ultimately strengthening humanitarian coordination and information sharing.


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Presentation on the application of big data and data science methods for gender statistics.

Endnotes

- i UNITAR reports the number of beneficiaries based on the number of participating individuals in training and related events (as opposed to the number of unique beneficiaries), as recorded by Programme Units in the Events Management System (EMS). The figures and breakdowns in this report are inclusive of all Programme Units, Offices the Global Network of International Training Centres of Authorities and Leaders.
- ii Of the 371,703 learning-related beneficiaries, 219,549 (or 59 per cent) are unique participants.
- iii Regional and development status breakdowns of beneficiaries are determined on the basis of the reported nationality in the EMS. The breakdowns do not include beneficiaries recorded with unreported nationalities.
- iv Comprising 127,887 certificates of completion and 15,006 certificates of participation from learning events with objective assessment of learning.
- v Based on participant feedback from 596 out of 899 learning-related events (or 66 per cent of the total number of learning events delivered in 2025) for which evaluation data was complete.
- vi The assessment is based on survey responses from a random sample (326 responses, representing 90 per cent confidence level and 4.5 per cent error) of learners from 2025 learning-related events, excluding UN CC:Learn learners. The survey was deployed in English, French and Spanish.
- vii Meltwater
- viii Disclaimer: Country borders or names do not reflect the official position of UNITAR. The maps used in this report are for illustrative purposes and do not imply the expression of any opinion on the part of UNITAR concerning the legal status of any country or territory or concerning the delimitation of frontiers or boundaries.
- ix The Yaoundé Architecture refers to the regional maritime security framework established in 2013 under the Yaoundé Code of Conduct, enabling coordination, information sharing, and joint responses among West and Central African states.
- x Contributions through individual fees amounted to US\$1.6 million.



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