

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW



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As United Nations Member States turn their attention towards the implementation of key decisions taken in 2015 on the 2030 Agenda, Financing for Development, Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change, the role of capacity building will be crucial in translating commitments into change. In order to support UN Member States in their tasks ahead, the activities of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) will ensure that policy and decision-makers have the skills, knowledge and capacities.

UNITAR is committed to ensuring that its activities reach the furthest first, and leave no one behind, with special attention to Least Developed Countries (LDCs), Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and other groups and communities who are most vulnerable, including those in conflict situations.

Today, the scope of UNITAR's programming is truly global, with an outreach spanning almost the entire membership of the UN, reaching over 40,000 beneficiaries through close to 500 training and learning events annually. Never before has the Institute's work been as diverse, covering topics in the broad areas of:

- **Capacity for the 2030 Agenda**
- **Strengthening Multilateralism**
- **Advancing Environmental Sustainability and Green Development**
- **Improving Resilience and Humanitarian Assistance**
- **Promoting Sustainable Peace**
- **Promoting Economic Development and Social Inclusion**



CAPACITY FOR THE 2030 AGENDA

EMPOWER NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS AND THEIR PARTNERS TO MAINSTREAM, IMPLEMENT AND REVIEW THE 2030 AGENDA

UNITAR is stepping up its training initiatives to support national governments and other stakeholders in building the capacities needed to mainstream, implement and review the 2030 Agenda.

The first national briefing package developed by UNITAR jointly with UN Development Group (UNDG) has been used by a number of countries in Africa, in the Caribbean, Middle East and Asia.

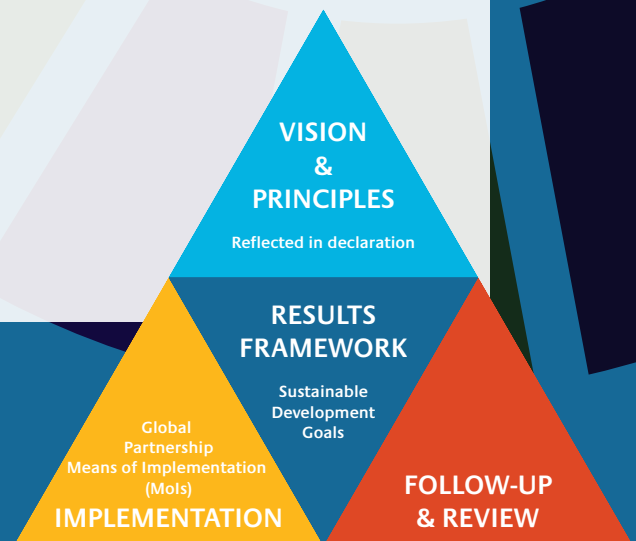
UNITAR is now working closely with the UN family and receiving guidance from its Advisory Council on the 2030 Agenda to ensure its new learning products and tools draw on the best knowledge available. The Advisory Council chaired by Jeffrey Sachs, Director of the Earth Institute, includes some of the world's leading experts on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The Institute applies a two-fold strategy to increase its outreach and enhance the impact of its products and services. First, it develops generic toolkits for the benefit of all Member States. Second, it provides tailored institutional support, training of trainers, face-to-face workshops and e-Learning for participants.

Activities

The Institute has developed a series of learning toolkits to provide support to Member States at two levels:

- **Supporting the establishment of processes and structures to mainstream the 2030 Agenda.**
- **Contributing to policy coherence by strengthening relevant knowledge, skills and competences of policy-makers and other key stakeholders.**



THE 2030 AGENDA

STRENGTHENING MULTILATERALISM

MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY PROGRAMME

UNITAR works to support Member States in strengthening their participation in multilateral negotiation processes and UN intergovernmental machineries. Training workshops transfer the knowledge, skills and know-how in specific fields related to the successful negotiation of multilateral agreements including on climate change, trade, human rights and peace and security.

Activities

- **Customized Training Activities**

Activities offered at the national and regional levels on a demand-driven basis.

- **Core Diplomatic Training**

Practice-oriented training for diplomats and other beneficiaries at United Nations Headquarters in Geneva, New York, Vienna and Rome as well as at UN Offices in the host cities of UN regional economic commissions (Addis Ababa, Bangkok, Beirut, Nairobi and Santiago de Chile).

- **e-Learning**

Between 15 and 20 moderated e-Learning courses per year in English, French and Spanish.

- **Executive Diploma in Diplomatic Practice**

Annual training programme, strengthening skills and knowledge for effective participation in UN conferences and negotiations.

- **Women's Leadership Programme**

Skills-based training, strengthening the participation of female diplomats and delegates in UN multilateral negotiation processes.

- **High Level Events**

A series of open lectures and briefings for the International community in Geneva.



15 - 20 E-LEARNING COURSES PER YEAR IN ENGLISH, FRENCH AND SPANISH ON THE TOPICS RELATED TO MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY



NEW YORK OFFICE

UNITAR's Office in New York delivers training and capacity building programmes for the diplomatic community in New York.

Activities

- **Orientation Workshops**

Activities designed for new staff of Permanent Missions, providing an overview of the work of the United Nations, effective negotiation in multilateral conferences, election to UN organs, and chairing UN committees.

- **Briefings**

A series of Briefings aiming to build delegates' expertise related to the main bodies of the United Nations including the General Assembly and its main committees, and on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

- **Skill-building Workshops**

A calendar of workshops designed specifically to support more senior diplomats and delegates working in the context of New York's multilateral working environment.



ADVANCING ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND GREEN DEVELOPMENT

GREEN DEVELOPMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE PROGRAMME

UNITAR works to develop the capacities of individuals and training institutions in developing countries to advance green and climate resilient development in support of the 2030 Agenda, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction.

Activities

- **The One UN Climate Change Learning Partnership (UN CC:Learn)**

Gathering more than 30 multilateral organizations, UN CC:Learn promotes knowledge-sharing and the development of climate change learning materials. At the national level, it supports countries in developing and implementing national climate change learning strategies.



- **Climate Change Capacity Development Network (C3D+)**

A global initiative aiming to support research and training institutions in developing countries to build the capacities needed in managing increasing climatic uncertainty.

- **National Adaptation Planning for LDCs**

Capacity development for Least Developed Countries (LDCs) in identifying, financing, and implementing adaptation actions.

- **National Budgeting for Climate Change**

Skills development to promote the effective allocation and use of public finance resources for national climate change objectives.

- **National Engagement with the UNFCCC**

Tailor-made courses in partner countries supporting participation in climate change negotiations.

- **REDD+ Academy**

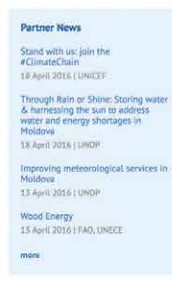
A capacity development initiative enabling systematic, focused capacity development to deliver REDD+ on the ground.

- **Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE)**

A partnership of UN agencies putting sustainability at the heart of economic policymaking, through country support and delivery of e-Learning.

- **Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP)**

Scaling up learning on SCP at the regional level in Asia, Africa and Latin America through e-Learning.



120+ COUNTRIES
HAVE COMPLETED A NATIONAL
CHEMICALS MANAGEMENT PROFILE



CHEMICALS AND WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME

UNITAR provides support to governments and stakeholders to strengthen their institutional, technical, and legal infrastructure and capacities for sound management of chemicals. Activities take place within the framework of implementing international agreements such as the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM), the Basel, Rotterdam, Stockholm and Mercury Conventions, and the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS), which aim to protect human health and the environment, contributing to sustainable development.

Activities

- **UNITAR/ILO Global GHS Programme**

Supporting countries in the design and implementation of the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals.

- **Assistance for SAICM Implementation**

Including the development of strategies, action plans and national profiles under the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management.

- **Mercury Programme and the Minamata Convention**

Including assistance and technical advice for the development and implementation of Minamata Initial Assessments, Minamata ratification dossiers, National Action Plans on Artisanal and Small-Scale Gold Mining (ASGM) and implementation of key priority areas on mercury management.

- **Nanotechnology**

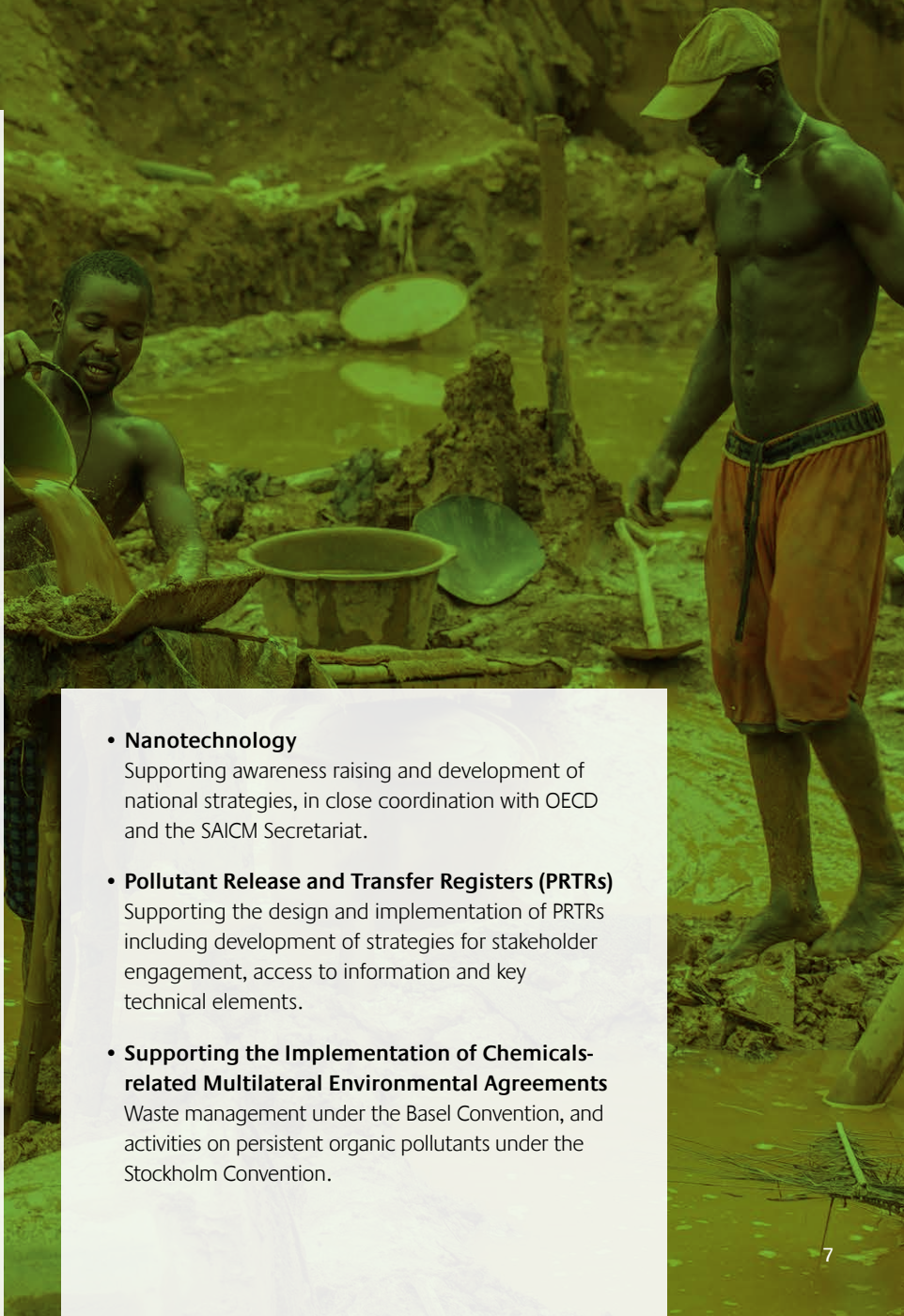
Supporting awareness raising and development of national strategies, in close coordination with OECD and the SAICM Secretariat.

- **Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (PRTRs)**

Supporting the design and implementation of PRTRs including development of strategies for stakeholder engagement, access to information and key technical elements.

- **Supporting the Implementation of Chemicals-related Multilateral Environmental Agreements**

Waste management under the Basel Convention, and activities on persistent organic pollutants under the Stockholm Convention.



IMPROVING RESILIENCE AND HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

UNITAR'S OPERATIONAL SATELLITE APPLICATIONS PROGRAMME – UNOSAT

Operational since 2001, UNOSAT supports the core objectives of the United Nations system, making satellite imagery analysis and geographic information data accessible to decision and policy-makers working on development, crisis prevention, risk reduction, humanitarian disasters and human rights.

UNOSAT provides mapping services, training and capacity building to build the capacities of government officials to use and apply geographic information data to policy and analysis contexts.

UNOSAT is hosted by the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN) in Geneva, Switzerland, and is present in N'Djamena (Chad), Nairobi (Kenya) and Bangkok (Thailand).

Activities

- **Satellite Imagery Analysis & Mapping**

Humanitarian rapid mapping following natural disasters, human rights mapping, protection of civilians during conflicts, protection of cultural heritage, open flood data portal.

- **Training & Capacity Development**

Sustainable water management in Chad, disaster risk reduction in East Africa and South-East Africa, Master students in Disaster Management, disaster management in Myanmar, Bangladesh and Vietnam.

- **Innovation**

Flood Finder global operational flood early warning and early action system, remote project monitoring for up-to-date status of development projects in areas difficult to access, Live Web-Map integrating crowdsourced photos with the latest satellite imagery, for volunteer ground photo analysis.





RESILIENCE AND RISK REDUCTION

UNITAR delivers training to strengthen resilient and sustainable development, to reduce vulnerabilities of communities and livelihoods in the face of natural risks and disasters. Training takes place at national and local levels in the following fields:

- **UNITAR's Operational Satellite Application Programme (UNOSAT)** works to facilitate the application of geospatial technologies in disaster prone regions, through hands-on training in GIS and satellite imagery analysis, and through the rapid delivery of satellite maps and data for emergency response and recovery;
- **Specialized training, delivered through CIFAL centres** around the world to enhance national and local governance to better analyse, prevent and reduce disaster risks;
- **Green Development and Climate Change Programme** conducts training and facilitates knowledge-sharing among UN organizations and national actors to strengthen capacities to adapt to climate change and build more resilient communities;
- **UNITAR offers training on the integration of disaster risk reduction into the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.**



PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE PEACE

PEACEMAKING AND CONFLICT PREVENTION PROGRAMME

With a focus on key actors and institutions in the prevention and sustainable resolution of conflict, UNITAR's high-level seminars and training programmes in Peacemaking and Conflict Prevention support senior peacemakers at the international and regional levels.

Designed to strengthen capacities to analyze conflict, to address root causes, and to engage in effective negotiation, mediation and reconciliation processes, the annual international and regional programmes involve a mix of actors from Member States, regional organizations, the United Nations, as well as civil society.

Activities

- **UNITAR-IPI Fellowship Programme in Peacemaking and Preventive Diplomacy.**
- **UNITAR Regional Training Programme to Enhance Conflict Prevention and Peacemaking in Africa.**
- **UNITAR Training Programme to Enhance the Conflict Prevention and Peacemaking Capacities of Indigenous Peoples' Representatives.**
- **Seminar for Special and Personal Representatives and Envoys of the Secretary-General.**
- **Seminars for Senior Peacemakers in Africa** to facilitate exchange of knowledge and experience to enhance prevention, mediation and reconciliation.
- **Customized Training**
Tailor-made training on preventive diplomacy and conflict resolution, delivered upon request.



Photo / Former Personal Representative of the Secretary-General Francesc Vendrell leads a mediation demonstration on a conflict facing the United Nations with Fellowship Programme participants.

6000 UN PEACEKEEPERS WERE TRAINED IN THE PRE-DEPLOYMENT TRAINING BY UNITAR AND PARTNERS



PEACEKEEPING TRAINING PROGRAMME

UNITAR contributes to the international community's efforts towards the peaceful resolution of conflicts and the building of lasting peace. The Institute supports the development of capacities in the areas of peacekeeping, peacebuilding and crisis management.

Activities

- **Peacekeeping / Pre-Deployment Training for Military and Police**

Including supporting the African Contingency Operations Training and Assistance (ACOTA) Programme, training African Battalions prior to deployment to UN and African Union peace missions.

- **Peacebuilding**

Including strengthening the potential of actors at the local, national and international levels to prevent the recruitment of child soldiers, conflict management, transitional justice, women and peacebuilding and youth and peace.

- **Rule of Law**

Including strengthening the capacities of national human rights institutions, parliamentarians and journalists in conflict situations.

- **Institutional Capacity Building and Advisory Services.**

- **Online-based Learning and Education**

Master's programmes in Conflictology, Humanitarian Action and Peacebuilding, and in Electoral Policy and Administration.

HIROSHIMA OFFICE

UNITAR's Office in Hiroshima, by virtue of its location in the City of Peace, has an inherent strength in the areas of peacebuilding, post-conflict reconstruction, and disarmament, as well as the broader themes of international peace and human security. Through over 13 years of experience implementing training for countries enduring and emerging from conflict, including Afghanistan, Iraq, and South Sudan, UNITAR has a unique understanding of the needs of beneficiaries as they work toward peace.

Activities

- **Peace Building and Post Conflict Reconstruction**

A wide range of training programmes including project management and leadership skills seeking to meet the evolving needs of countries as they develop.

- **Disarmament and Non-Proliferation**

Negotiation training seeking to contribute to the regional and global momentum around disarmament and non-proliferation of nuclear and other weapons.

- **Management and Conservation of World Heritage Sites**

Training to enhance the management and conservation of World Heritage Sites, and the protection of history, culture heritage, traditions and the environment, thereby contributing to sustainable development and peace.

- **Human Security and the Environment**

A range of training programmes exploring adaptation and risks related to environmental hazards and global change, including disaster risk reduction, biodiversity and ocean resource security.

PROMOTION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL INCLUSION

PUBLIC FINANCE AND TRADE PROGRAMME

UNITAR delivers training and capacity development for finance and trade officials, from public and private sectors, in the areas of financial governance, debt management and poverty reduction, financial negotiation, trade and investment, and intellectual property.

Activities

- **Tailor-Made Training**

Delivered in partnership with various international and regional institutions, including the Arab Bank for Economic Development, the West African Institute for Financial and Economic Management, the Macroeconomic and Financial Management Institute of Eastern and Southern Africa, the Food and Agricultural Organization, the Economic Community of West African States, and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa.

- **e-Learning Courses**

Offered throughout the year on various topics related to trade, finance and intellectual property in all UN languages and Portuguese.

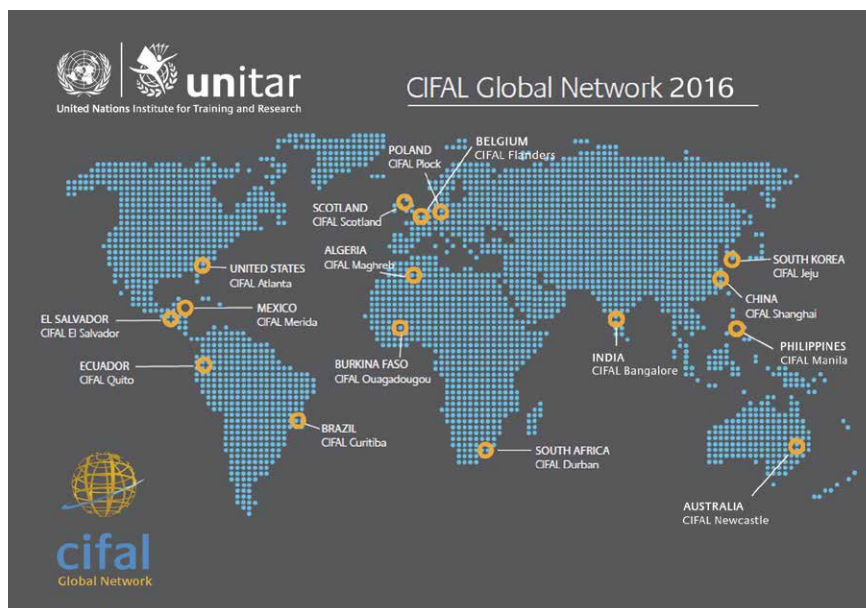
- **Communities of Practice**

On-line networking and group work.

DECENTRALIZED COOPERATION PROGRAMME

UNITAR aims to build the capacities of decision and policy-makers at national and local levels, to advance sustainable development and effective decentralization.

Together with its network of 15 affiliated training centres worldwide – the CIFAL Network – and UNITAR's field Office in Nigeria, a wide portfolio of more than 140 training activities is offered annually, reaching over 10,000 beneficiaries. Activities are delivered in the fields of urban governance and planning, economic development, social including, environmental sustainability and the 2030 Agenda.



Le parcours de création
d'entreprise

THE CIFAL GLOBAL NETWORK IS COMPOSED OF
16 INTERNATIONAL TRAINING CENTRES FOR
LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND LEADERS



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Activities

- **CIFAL Global Network**

Through its training centres, the CIFAL Global Network provides innovative training across the world and serves as a hub for the exchange of knowledge amongst government officials, the private sector and civil society.

- **Youth Employability in the Oil and Gas Sector**

UNITAR's Project Office in Nigeria operates in close collaboration with federal, state and local authorities to train the specialized and skilled young workforce needed in the national oil and gas industry.

- **International Platform on Public-Private Partnerships for Sustainable Development**

This platform brings together actors of public-private partnerships (PPPs) and provides a framework for the implementation of PPP projects for sustainable development at the local level.

- **Human Mobility Programme**

Focusing on strengthening local governance, facilitating policy dialogue, and building knowledge and capacities around issues of migration in the context of the 2030 Agenda.

- **Executive Master in Development Policy and Practice**

In partnership with the prestigious Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva.

KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS INNOVATION

UNITAR continues to innovate in the implementation of its learning strategies through its Knowledge Systems Innovation section. The Institute works to enhance and facilitate the utilization of adult learning principles on instructional design approaches. This expertise is applied to training programmes, including to facilitate entrepreneurship and growth in developing countries.

Activities

- **Youth Entrepreneurship Training**

Training and coaching young unemployed graduates on entrepreneurship, promoting the creation of sustainable businesses in strategic sectors with high added-value and contributing to economic and social development.

- **Social Media and Web 2.0 Tools**

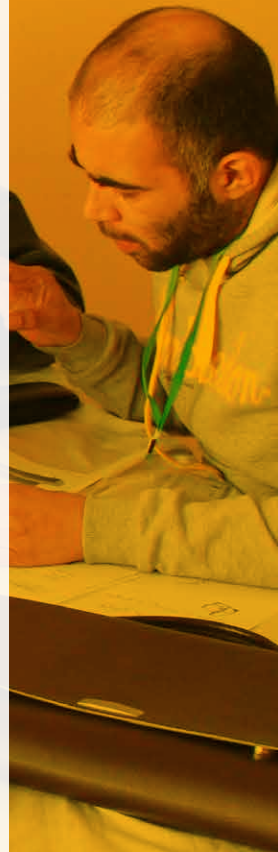
An interactive tutor-facilitated e-Learning course that empowers development professionals to make innovative use of social media tools to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of their work.

- **Law4Dev**

Training activities on environmental democracy, international law, environmental law and human rights.

- **Creativity4Dev**

To enhance knowledge and build skills of policymakers, creative entrepreneurs and professionals engaged in the creative economy.





QUALITY ASSURANCE

UNITAR attaches great importance to providing its beneficiaries with quality products and services.

Courses and other events directly associated with learning outcomes are assessed against a set of over a dozen standards prior to delivery in accordance with the Institute's Quality Assurance Framework. The Framework aims to strengthen the quality of UNITAR products and services, validate the quality of UNITAR training products and services, and provide a platform for sharing experiences and lessons on quality review. In addition to being an internal benchmark for quality, the framework is also a tool to facilitate certification with external quality schemes, such as the e-Learning programmes and institutions in the international capacity building (ECBCheck) certification process.

METHODOLOGY AND DELIVERY

UNITAR recognizes that different learning styles require different methodological approaches for effective learning to occur. The Institute's training activities are customized to cater for the various ways in which beneficiaries learn with a view to achieving optimal outcomes of desired objectives and results.

Depending on the needs of our beneficiaries and the objectives of the training, activities are delivered in different formats including: face-to-face at strategic locations all over the world, online or blended.

UNITAR delivers its activities a wide range of languages, including the six official UN languages (English, French, Spanish, Arabic, Russian and Chinese), and others.

GOVERNANCE AND FUNDING

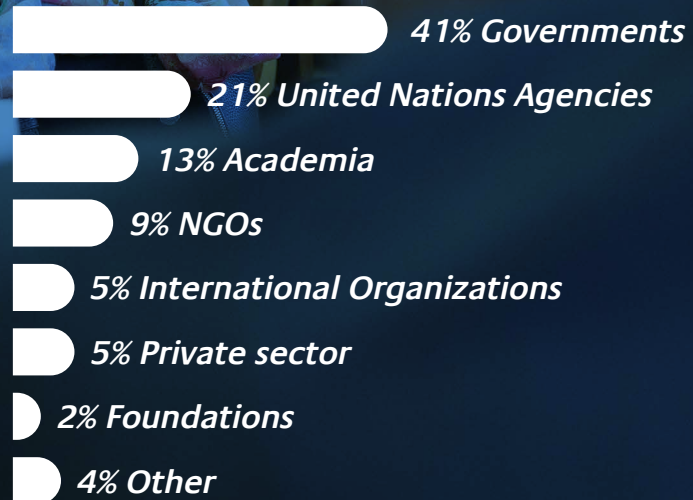
Operated as an autonomous body within the United Nations system, UNITAR is headed by an Executive Director and governed by a Board of Trustees. The Executive Director and the members of the Board of Trustees are appointed by the United Nations Secretary-General.

UNITAR is a project-based organization and does not receive any funds from the regular United Nations budget. The Institute is financed entirely from voluntary contributions mainly from UN Member States, other UN agencies, international and intergovernmental organizations, NGOs and the private sector.

PARTNERSHIPS

The Institute's strong partnership strategy is an integral part of its approach to achieving effective and efficient programme results, by combining the substantive expertise of United Nations entities and other partners with its internal expertise in programming, instructional design and adult learning.

Partners include not only Governments but also other UN agencies, international and regional organizations, national training institutes, universities, NGOs and the private sector.





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