



## Achievements 2011 – New Initiatives 2012



In 2011, UNITAR held over 400 training events, responding to the needs of thousands of beneficiaries - in 2012, the Institute is aiming to build on this success and develop new innovative trainings and methodology for an ever-changing world.

We would like to take this opportunity to present some of our most interesting achievements in the year 2011 and promising projects in 2012.

### Dear Reader,

We are happy to send you the Winter Newsletter of the [United Nations Institute for Training and Research](#) (UNITAR)! In this issue, you will read articles about outstanding UNITAR achievements in 2011, new initiatives for 2012, and much more.



Your opinion counts! We are eager to know what you think about our e-Newsletter and it would be great if you could answer the [survey](#) or send your comments to

[communications@unitar.org](mailto:communications@unitar.org).

Happy reading!

### Testimonial



*"The package of knowledge given to participants in the UNDP & UNITAR Climate Change workshop provided information that every negotiator should be aware of."*

Ali Mohamed Ahmed Osman Mohamed,  
Second Secretary to the Republic of Sudan

### MDP facilitates solution-finding for some of the world's greatest diplomatic challenges

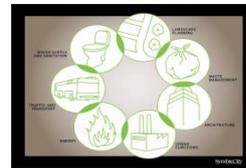
The Multilateral Diplomacy Programme (MDP) looks back on a successful strategic partnership with the government of South Africa in 2011.



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The partnership helped prepare the negotiations of the 17th conference of the Parties to the [United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change](#) (UNFCCC COP-17), which was held in Durban, South Africa in November and December 2011. MDP has also trained African diplomats prior to

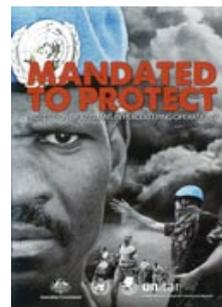
### UNITAR, the Government of Sweden and SKL International start "SymbioCity" partnership



The [Local Development Programme \(LDP\)](#) is partnering with [Sweden's Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#) and [SKL International](#), the international development cooperation branch of the [Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions \(SALAR\)](#) to leverage Sweden's "SymbioCity" Approach into a new learning package on sustainable urbanization, designed for beneficiaries in cities of the Asia-Pacific region.

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### First documentary on the Protection of Civilians launched



The [Peacekeeping Training Programme \(PTP\)](#) is at the forefront of training individuals and institutions for positive and transformative action in peace operations, delivering e-Learning, face-to-face and Training of Trainers courses.

In 2011, PTP produced [the first documentary on the Protection of Civilians](#). As stated by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, it "explains the roles and responsibilities of the peacekeepers, humanitarian personnel, human rights experts and others who bring protection mandates to life in the world's conflict zones."

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the event, and is looking forward to expanding its engagement before the background of climate change and sustainable development in 2012.

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### New Partnerships



UNITAR [signed a Letter of Intent](#) with the [George Washington University Law School](#) agreeing to work together in the field of international law.

UNITAR has signed a Memorandum of Understanding for collaboration with the [US Institute for Peace](#) on Governance and Democratic Practices, and related training.

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### Announcements



The [UNOSAT](#) iPad app is now available! You can now [freely access UNOSAT's work on your iPad!](#) To download and explore the new app, please [click here](#).

UNITAR has participated in [the development of draft guidance documents](#) to assist Parties in updating their national implementation plans for [the Stockholm Convention on persistent organic pollutants](#).

UNITAR is joining the [United Nations Inter-Agency Security Sector Reform Task Force](#) helping to ensure requisite capacity building in post-conflict countries.

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### The New York Office expands its portfolio in 2012

"A wonderful workshop with very good teachers!" This delegate's observation aptly sums up a successful year for [the New York Office \(NYO\)](#). Having delivered numerous trainings in 2011, NYO is expanding its portfolio in 2012. Building on last year's momentum, the office embarks upon new ventures: It will deliver online training, continue preparations for the [United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development](#), and intensify its focus on training in the field of disarmament and arms control.

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### ITCCO Antwerp Promotes Responsible Management

UNITAR through its affiliated [International Training Center for Corporate Opportunities \(ITCCO\)](#) in Antwerp will launch a multi-stakeholder knowledge sharing platform and an executive management programme in 2012.

The platform and the programme will both focus on the principles of corporate social responsibility (CSR) as a way to promote ethical values and UN principles in industry sector management. Through these initiatives ITCCO underlines its commitment to promoting responsible management.

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### Online Catalogue and Virtual Learning Environment



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Or consult the UNITAR [Virtual Learning Environment](#) and find e-Learning courses that best address your needs.



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