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Special issue on e-Learning

United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) launched its first e-Learning courses in 2003, offering a number of courses in the field of public finance and trade. In the years that followed, the Institute has continued to expand its catalogue, adding courses in the field of multilateral diplomacy, and international law.

In 2010, UNITAR delivered courses covering a variety of new subjects, including the areas of Innovative Collaboration for Development, Sustainable Urbanization and Environment, Green Diplomacy and Peacekeeping.

Dear Reader,

We are happy to send you the first e-Newsletter of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)! In this issue, you will read articles about e-Learning and much more!
Your opinion counts. We are curious to know what you think about our e-Newsletter and it would be great if you could simply answer the survey or send us your comments at communications@unitar.org.

Happy reading!

Testimonials

"A great experience and a rewarding course indeed which I would consider as an eye opener..."

a participant from Human Security in the Practice of Peace Operations

Watch videos of testimonials

Beneficiaries up 33% in 2010

UNITAR reached out to **23,688** beneficiaries, representing a **33 % increase** from 2009. e-Learning courses and webinars accounted for 22 per cent and 2 per cent of all events respectively, with e-Courses **increasing by 25%** over 2009.
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New Partnerships

UNITAR recently signed agreements with:

Distance Education in China

Distance Education in China (website in Chinese) interviewed the Executive Director of UNITAR, Dr. Carlos Lopes. In his interview, he talked about UNITAR's current e-Learning course portfolio and future ambitions.

Distance Education in China is a monthly publication issued by the Chinese Ministry of Education. It is the most circulated periodical on e-Learning and distance learning in China.

Read the full interview

"Getting more from e-Learning" by Bryan Hopkins

Mr. Bryan Hopkins gave a lecture on "Getting more from e-Learning" to UNITAR staff and here's a snapshot of his insightful presentation.
Bryan explained different models for training delivery: *Information delivery, Tell and test, Explore and learn.*

According to him, the most effective model that contributes to learner's performance is "explore and learn" model.
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Best Practice in e-Learning

ECB CHECK The Governance in Urban Sanitation became the first UNITAR online course awarded with the Open ECBCheck certification. The Open ECBCheck is an accreditation and

The [School of Translation and Interpretation](#) of University of Geneva.

The [Institute of International Studies of Fudan University](#) in China.

[United Nations Development Programme](#) to deliver e-Learning and face-to-face training on building African capacity.

[Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees](#) for [UNOSAT satellite analysis](#) support.

Announcements

UNITAR and the Nairobi Framework Partners announce the [Africa Carbon Forum](#) to take place 4 to 6 July 2011, in Marrakech Morocco.

The United Nations Population Fund, in partnership with UNITAR, has created a [community of practice](#) in the field of Gender-Based Violence.

Due to the high demand from Latin America, International Law Programme offers the [Spanish version of its e-Courses on International Environment Law](#).

UNITAR, in partnership with the [International Security Sector Advisory Team](#), launched the first ever e-Learning course on [security sector reform](#).

UNITAR is developing an e-platform "Introduction to the Right to Development" in collaboration with the [Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights](#).

quality improvement scheme for e-Learning programmes.

Condolences to the Victims of Japan Earthquake and Tsunami

[UNITAR expresses its condolences](#) to the people of Japan following the devastating earthquake and subsequent tsunami which struck on 11 March 2011.

UNOSAT supports crowd sourcing community with [satellite imagery over Japan](#) to help rescue and rehabilitation operations.

Training Catalogue and Virtual Learning Environment

UNITAR offers more than 360 events per year. Check out our [e-Learning courses](#) and other [UNITAR events](#) in our online training catalogue.

Or consult the UNITAR [Virtual Learning Environment](#) and find the one that best addresses your needs.

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