

## 2022 Human Rights Council Simulation

Multilateral Diplomacy

Deadline: 5 Dec 2021

Type:	Conference
Location:	Geneva, Switzerland
Date:	17 Jan 2022 to 20 Jan 2022
Duration of event:	4 Days
Programme Area:	Special event, Multilateral Diplomacy
Specific Target Audience:	No
Website:	<a href="http://www.unitar.org">http://www.unitar.org</a>
Price:	\$400.00
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### BACKGROUND

The Human Rights Council (HRC) Simulation for students is the newest addition to UNITAR's programmes on Human Rights. It is the **only HRC Simulation in the world** that has the **official approval** of the Secretariat of the Human Rights Council to **take place in the UN Headquarters** in Geneva, Switzerland.

The HRC is one of the UN system's most important forums for debate on human rights issues. It meets for regular sessions each year, and debates current human rights crises before a global audience. From armed conflict to the climate emergency — every major issue in the UN has been debated in the chambers of the HRC.

The 4-day face-to-face event will comprise of 2.5 days of intense negotiation, in which participating students will

represent one of the 47 member states of the Council with the aim of passing a resolution on **the propagation of hate speech and fake news through social networks**; cultural events; networking opportunities; panel discussions with high-profile Human Rights experts; social events and many more entertainments--all in the heart of Human Rights and Diplomacy--the UN Headquarters in Geneva.

As recognition for the tremendous effort and application of diplomatic skill and knowledge, the **Best Delegate** will be awarded a **3-Month Sponsored Placement** at the Secretariat of the Human Rights Council of OHCHR!

In order to ensure the highest quality of debates during the simulation, students must first go through a self-paced online training on the Human Rights Council and conference diplomacy (**both the training and simulation have the same registration link**) prior to attending the event in Geneva.

## EVENT OBJECTIVES

**Training:** Participants will learn how to draft and debate resolutions in the Council, understand the format of multilateral conferences, as well as the main mechanisms and procedures of the UN system and the Human Rights Council.

**Simulation:** The event aims to generate interest in the Human Rights Council's workings and procedures, and improve future generations' familiarity with its processes and outcomes. Participants will aim achieve consensus on contemporary human rights issues, particularly the propagation of hate speech and fake news on social networks.

## CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

### Self-Paced Online Training

1. Module 1: Introducing the United Nations and the Human Rights Council
2. Module 2: Conference Diplomacy and HRC Regular Sessions
3. Module 3: HRC Mechanisms
4. Module 4: Challenges and Effective Practices

### Simulation:

The programme will run over 4 days, with the first day focusing on cultural and social activities, while the three remaining days will be dedicated to negotiation sessions and side events (such as panel discussions, meet and greets), with a closing ceremony at the end.

## METHODOLOGY

The event will be a simulation of the Human Rights Council, including Interactive Dialogues and debates that feature in the actual Council.

## TARGETED AUDIENCE

The participants targets university students and equally welcomes recent (no more than one year) graduates.

