

## 1st Edition of UNITAR's Executive Diploma in Diplomatic Practice (Beirut)

Multilateral Diplomacy

Deadline: Closed

Type:	Workshop
Location:	Beirut, Lebanon
Date:	23 Jan 2020 to 16 Oct 2020
Duration of event:	10 Months
Programme Area:	Special event, Multilateral Diplomacy
Specific Target Audience:	Core Diplomatic Training
Website:	<a href="http://www.unitar.org/cdt">http://www.unitar.org/cdt</a>
Price:	\$6,999.00
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### BACKGROUND

**IMPORTANT NOTICE - The Executive Diploma in Beirut has been postponed to 23-24 January 2020. Thank you for your patience. UNITAR will be in touch by the end of the year for those who registered already.**

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE - Before** making any payments, please submit your application composed by:

- **CV**
- **Motivation letter**
- **Passport**

to the following email address: [diplomacy@unitar.org](mailto:diplomacy@unitar.org). After the review of the application, **only successful candidates** will be able to enroll in the programme.

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The main component of the **Executive Diploma in Diplomatic Practice** is a series of 10 workshops, which fall

within UNITAR's **Core Diplomatic Training (CDT)**.

The format of the CDT consists of 2-days executive-style training workshops, delivered face-to-face to diplomats and other beneficiaries at major UN locations so that they can perform effectively in a multilateral environment. These workshops will take place at the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) in Beirut, Lebanon.

UNITAR has been delivering CDT courses since its inception in 1965 and the courses are traditionally considered the "core" training of the Institute. By definition, CDT implies training that is multilateral in character and offered in a multilateral context. All Member States and the United Nations, collectively, benefit from greater knowledge on how to operate in the multilateral setting and perform effectively and efficiently.

CDT covers training in international cooperation and multilateral diplomacy, and is aimed at enhancing the understanding of the United Nations system and its organs and procedures, strengthening the skills relevant to conferences and negotiations and supporting efforts to build a more effective multilateral system.

## EVENT OBJECTIVES

Each individual workshop will have a specific set of learning objectives, but the learning objectives of the diploma as a whole are as follows:

1. Develop a critical understanding of contemporary bilateral and multilateral diplomacy challenges;
2. Demonstrate a comprehensive, substantive and practical knowledge of the United Nations system, Digital Diplomacy, Conference Diplomacy and Multilateral Negotiation, etc;
3. Critically evaluate strengths and weaknesses related to negotiation skills and techniques, drafting, negotiating and adopting UN resolutions, leadership skills, public speaking and communication;
4. Produce a research paper that extends beyond the theoretical content of a workshop and relates to participants' professional work;
5. Perform efficiently and effectively in both bilateral and multilateral working environments with increased confidence.

## CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

The 2020 edition of the **Executive Diploma in Diplomatic Practice** programme will comprise of four main components:

**Preparation Stage**– Prior to the beginning of the series, participants might receive individual guidance from UNITAR experts, which will include a questionnaire of expectations, and/or an individual Skype session with a UNITAR representative and a certified coach to address any questions or concerns about the programme.

**Training Workshops** – 10 skills-based workshops, which will aim to be cross cutting and to equip participants with knowledge and practical competences to enhance their expertise in multilateral settings, and to enrich their professional performances. The topics envisioned for the next edition are:

- Introduction to the United Nations System;  
23-24 January 2020
- Overcoming Negotiation Deadlocks;  
27-28 February 2020
- Effective Writing in Multilateral Diplomacy;  
19-20 March 2020
- International Human Rights Protection and Promotion;

21-22 April 2020

- Public Speaking and Media Relations;

14-15 May 2020

- Stakeholder Engagement and Coordination;

4-5 June 2020

- Conference Diplomacy and Multilateral Negotiation;

25-26 June 2020

- Leadership Skills and Assertiveness

26-27 August 2020

- Mediation, Conflict Resolution and Difficult Conversations

24-25 September 2020

- Digital Diplomacy and Cybersecurity

15-16 October 2020

Order and dates of these workshops may be subject to modification. Each CDT Workshop takes place once every month with a usual interval of about 30 days.

**Follow-Up Stage** – At the end of the programme, attendees who have worked towards receiving the Executive Diploma will be further evaluated in the same vein as the first component, in order to assess their learning margins after the completion of the trainings. This process will allow for consistent and thorough monitoring of participants' progress, and will serve as a final phase in their learning cycle.

**Research Paper** – The final requirement to obtain the Executive Diploma will be the submission of a research paper of between 3,000 and 5,000 words. For this requirement, participants must provide a more in-depth analysis and argumentation on a chosen theme covered in the course or related to multilateral diplomacy.

## METHODOLOGY

Participants are required to attend at least 8 of the 10 Core Diplomatic Training (CDT) workshops offered by UNITAR's Multilateral Diplomacy Programme Unit from January to October 2020;

Participants will engage in simulation exercises during the workshop, which trainers will assess in accordance with the learning objectives of each workshop on a pass or fail basis;

In exceptional circumstances, it will be possible for participants who cannot attend 10 workshops to take up to 2 of MDPU's e-Learning courses instead of 2 CDT workshops;

All participants will submit a final Research Paper based on the material covered in one of the workshops. The Research paper is to be turned in latest by December 2020 after the last workshop in October.

## TARGETED AUDIENCE

There is no primary target audience for the Executive Diploma yet priority is given to the diplomatic community in

Beirut. Other interested participants (staff of international, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, diplomatic academies and foreign service training institutions, as well as academics and private sector professionals) are highly encouraged to apply, and UNITAR will make a selection based on the applications it receives.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

### **Admission Requirements**

The minimum requirements to be accepted for the Executive Diploma are the following:

1. Bachelor's Degree;
2. 2-3 years of relevant professional experience (no specific field required although fields related to multilateral diplomacy are a plus);
3. Proficiency in English.

### **Fee and Fee Reductions**

The overall fee for a total of up to 10 workshops is USD 6,999. UNITAR is delighted to announce that a limited number of fellowships are offered to participants from Developing and Least-Developed Countries according to the UNSD M49 Standard.

UNITAR will make a selection based on the applications it receives.

### **Other**

For more information, please write an email to [diplomacy@unitar.org](mailto:diplomacy@unitar.org) or call +41 (0) 22 917 86 77, or visit [www.unitar.org/cdt](http://www.unitar.org/cdt).

All accepted participants will be informed by email.

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