BACKGROUND

Honorary consuls have an important part to play in the international relations of many states, particularly smaller states and those unable to afford the extravagant costs associated with establishing conventional diplomatic and consular missions. Honorary consuls cannot replace traditional diplomats, but they can facilitate multiple and deep engagements with political bodies, commercial organisations, nationals located abroad and citizens of receiving states. Their engagements can take place on multiple levels, including political, commercial and cultural.

EVENT OBJECTIVES

This is a short course aimed at providing honorary consuls or those seeking to take up such an appointment with
an understanding of the roles, responsibilities and underlying legal framework governing the work of honorary consul.

**CONTENT AND STRUCTURE**

The course will consist of a short online course covering the law relating to honorary consuls as well expectations and responsibilities of honorary consuls and cumulate in a workshop on protocols and practice.

**METHODOLOGY**

This course promotes an interactive approach through lessons and multimedia material, stimulating critical thinking. Each part has its own learning objectives, as well as interactive online lessons, which guide participants through the contents. The lessons are also available in PDF format so participants can work offline. Contents and activities are practice-oriented and under a self-assessment approach, so participants will learn through practical examples and assignments associated with research and case scenarios. This experience will be supported by the UNITAR team, additional resources and material, and visuals such as infographics and videos.

The final e-workshop will be conducted via the platform Zoom and will be facilitated by an expert on the theme. The material presented in the workshop will be interactive and assignments will be given for participants to further advance their knowledge.

**TARGETED AUDIENCE**

The course will be designed for honorary consuls, as well as those who intend to serve as honorary consuls.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**Technical Requirements**

The course will be delivered through UNITAR’s e-learning platform and Zoom. UNITAR will not provide refunds for customers who face technical issues beyond UNITAR’s direct control. UNITAR recommends that all prospective participants test Zoom for free at Zoom.us prior to confirming their payment.

Basic system requirements:

- Stable internet connection
- Speakers and a microphone
- A webcam or HD webcam
- Or, a HD cam or HD camcorder with video capture card

Please see further information about all technical requirements for participating in this e-workshop here: https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362023-System-Requirements-for-PC-Mac-and-Linux