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UNITAR under its 5 pillars offers various training and capacity-development activities in the thematic areas of Capacity for the 2030 Agenda, Strengthen multilateralism; Promote economic development and social inclusion; Advance environmental sustainability and green development; Promote sustainable peace; and Research and Technology Applications.
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Core Courses

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- Introduction for New Delegates and non permanent members on the Work of the Security Council
The UN Charter established Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) in 1945 as one of the six main organs of the United Nations. The ECOSOC aims to advance the three dimensions of sustainable development – economic, social and environmental. It fosters debate and innovative thinking, forging consensus on ways forward, and coordinating efforts to achieve internationally agreed goals. Each year, ECOSOC structures its work around an annual theme of global importance to sustainable development. This ensures focused attention, among ECOSOC’s array of partners, and throughout the UN development system.

The Economic and Social Council provides a global platform for inclusive and integrated policy dialogue, follow-up and review, coordination and stakeholder engagement in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and related United Nations Agendas.
Key Objectives

- Familiarize themselves with the role and functions of the Economic and Social Council and its methods of work;
- Identify and assess the main issues before the Council;
- Gain a better understanding of the role of the President of the Council, its Bureau and its informal consultations in order to promote more effective participation;
- Analyze negotiation dynamics, based on case studies presented by international experts relating to the adoption of resolutions.
CORE COURSE

Elections to United Nations Organs

Securing seats or posts in various UN bodies has become a complicated and time-consuming but also an important task for many election officers of Permanent Missions. This is particularly true as the Organization’s activities have expanded and more institutions have emerged.

This workshop aims to: enhance the understanding of election procedures and processes among participating election officers; equip participants with the necessary overview and tools to identify opportunities for candidatures; and provide election officers with insights and experience of successful campaigning.

DURATION: 1 DAY

Key Objectives

- Describe the composition of the principal UN organs and selected subsidiary organs;
- Compare the different electoral rules that apply in the UN organs;
- Describe the key elements of the rules and procedures for elections and voting;
- Interpret the rules and procedures, established practice and legal interpretation pertaining to voting;
- Contrast the decision-making processes of the regional groups for endorsing candidates;
- Appraise and assess the trade-offs and risks of engaging in a campaign.
WORKSHOP

The Structure, Drafting, and Adoption of United Nations Resolutions

While the Charter of the UN has often been regarded as the constitution of the Organization, resolutions adopted by its principal organs may be considered its laws.

This workshop provides training on how to go about drafting a UN Resolution, from the rules, terminology of drafting a UN Resolution, to the process underpinning its adoption. Participants will learn about the structure of UN resolutions, with a detailed introduction to resolution drafting. They will gain hands-on experience through drafting exercises. Rules and practices relating to the adoption of resolutions and decisions are also covered.

Key Objectives

• Describe the structure and form of United Nations resolutions and decisions;
• Apply this improved understanding and enhanced skills when drafting resolutions;
• Distinguish the rules and practices relating to the adoption of resolutions.

DURATION: 2 DAYS
CORE COURSE
United Nations Budget System
(Fifth Committee)

The UN system is mainly financed through assessed and voluntary contributions from Member States. The UN Specialized Agencies are funded partly through assessments and voluntary contributions. The course will go through the Regular Budget, the Peacekeeping Budget, and the international tribunals budget, which are funded through assessments. Also, this course will explore how the UN Programmes and Funds are financed through voluntary contributions from Member States. The participation of UN officials and elected chairs of the ACABQ and JIU, as well as the role of those institutions in the budget delivering process is of paramount importance to new delegates. The Fifth Committee, as a General Assembly specialized policy making process, is a critical part of understanding the UN Budget System.

The Fifth Committee is the Committee of the General Assembly with responsibilities for administration and budgetary matters. Based on the reports of the Fifth Committee, the General Assembly considers and approves the budget of the Organization in accordance with the charter of the United Nations.

Relevant topics will include the Implementation of Management Reform, with a concentration on Peace and Security in efforts to increase recognition and integrated efforts towards prevention, as well as Development to achieve global development plans and to better governance and coordination. Other relevant topics will include Human Resources Management, Human Resources Strategy, HRM resolution, as well as an in-depth and productive look into Scale of Assessments.

Key Objectives

• Describe the structure and form of United Nations resolutions and decisions on the Budget;

• Apply this improved understanding and enhanced skills when drafting resolutions in the Fifth Committee;

• Distinguish the rules and practices relating to the adoption of resolutions in the Fifth Committee.

DURATION: 2 DAYS
CORE COURSE

75th United Nations General Assembly and the Main Committees

A large proportion of them come from their respective capitals. Before taking up their assignments, new delegates in particular may benefit greatly from a concise and intensive learning exercise focused on the functions of the General Assembly. UNITAR’s General Briefing for new delegates, which attracts hundreds of participants annually, offers this opportunity.

In addition to the Briefing on the Work of the General Assembly, the course will provide panels on the work of all six main Committees of the General Assembly. The panels serve to familiarize delegates with the subject area discussed in each Committee and to provide information on important achievements and resolutions from former sessions. Participants will also learn about the special dynamics and working methods of each Committee.

Key Objectives

- Describe the functions and powers of the General Assembly;
- Determine the role of the President of the General Assembly;
- Address its subsidiary organs and rules of procedure;
- Understand the role and mission of the General Assembly Secretariat;
- Analyse the 75th session of the General Assembly, its documents and resolutions.

DURATION: 2 DAYS
**CORE COURSE**

Introduction for New Delegates and Non Permanent Members.

The Work of the Security Council

The Security Council has primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security. It has 15 Members, and each Member has one vote. Under the UN Charter, all Member States are obligated to comply with Council decisions.

Shortly after the election of the five new Members of the Security Council, their representatives will need to become thoroughly familiar with the issues before the Council and its methods of work, so that they may be ready to start their mandate. This intensive two-day orientation course aims at providing such information to the new delegates.

**Key Objectives**

- Describe the functions, practices and procedures of the Security Council;
- Identify and assess the main issues before the Council;
- Determine the role of the President of the Council and informal consultations;
- Understand the mandate components of current peace-keeping and political missions;
- Analyse the highlights of the Security Council practice, working documents, meeting records, and Subsidiary Bodies.

**DURATION:** 3 DAYS (FLEXIBLE)
Orientation

Courses

- Effective Negotiation in Multilateral Conferences
- Strengthening Preventive Diplomacy and Multilateral Negotiation
- Financing for Development and the 2030 Agenda
- Towards the 2030 Agenda: UN Charter Challenges
- Human Rights and the SDGs
- Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review 2020 (QCPR)
- Drafting Skills and Report Writing
ORIENTATION COURSE

Effective negotiation in multilateral conferences

In a multilateral context, effective negotiation skills are critical for managing interdependencies, leveraging power and influencing outcomes. Mastering negotiation tools can therefore assist in securing beneficial agreements at the international level.

Participants in this workshop will receive training from top negotiation experts on effective negotiation skills in multilateral conferences. They will also learn first-hand from experienced diplomats and international civil servants who have successfully negotiated agreements in the peace and security and social and economic spheres.

This workshop’s objective is to improve international cooperation through more effective negotiating in a multilateral context.

DURATION: 1 DAY

Key Objectives

- Define and distinguish the purposes, products and processes of multilateral conferences;
- Assess the strategies and techniques for producing good negotiated outcomes;
- Anticipate and address the main challenges in multilateral negotiations, both from the negotiators’ as well as the Chair’s perspective;
- Analyze negotiation dynamics, based on case studies presented by international experts relating to the adoption of resolutions.
ORIENTATION COURSE
Strengthening Preventive Diplomacy and Multilateral Negotiation

Marshalling expertise from the United Nations system and from Columbia School of Law, the SDGFund and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) are partnering to implement a half-day briefing focused on applying expert knowledge in the areas of preventive diplomacy and multilateral negotiation to the attainment of the SDGs.

This briefing will initiate a longer-term reflection on the central relevance of preventive diplomacy and multilateral negotiation as tools that can be employed by diplomats, policy-makers, practitioners and researchers in their individual and collective efforts towards attaining the SDGs. This conversation will be pursued in Madrid and will focus on regional dispute settlement. The Conference will also draw in leaders of diplomatic training institutes who will share their expertise and ultimately to incorporate within their respective diplomatic training curricula, preventive diplomacy and multilateral negotiation tools for the attainment of the SDGs.

Key Objectives

• Inform participants of the connections between preventive diplomacy, multilateral negotiation, and attainment of SDGs;

• Equip participants with knowledge of preventive diplomacy skills that are used in the field;

• Investigate case studies that have encountered obstacles in implementing targets of the 2030 Agenda.

DURATION: 2 DAYS
ORIENTATION COURSE
Financing for Development and the 2030 Agenda

Mobilizing adequate resources —financial and nonfinancial— is critical for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. There is a need for a dramatic increase in financing as well as a major push to address global systemic issues and to advance capacity building, technology development and transfer, coherence in domestic policies and knowledge sharing and mutual learning.

At the conclusion of the course, participants will better understand the scope and objectives of the normative frameworks for financing sustainable development. The linkages between the frameworks and the groundbreaking 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development will be clarified, as will the institutional mechanisms that are in place to monitor progress in financing and the means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda. Participants will also gain an understanding of the policy recommendations that emanate from analytical and normative work conducted across a range of entities and processes and how these can feed into policy making at the national and local levels.

DURATION: 1 DAY

Key Components

• Understand the scope and objectives of intergovernmental outcomes on Financing for Development, particularly the Addis Ababa Action Agenda;

• Describe the resources needed to implement the 2030 Agenda, including financial and non-financial means of implementation and the role of the United Nations system in supporting efforts by Governments in this area;

• Gain knowledge on the important milestones for financing for development in 2020, including the Development Cooperation Forum High-level Meeting, ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development follow-up and ECOSOC special Meeting on “International Cooperation in Tax Matters”.

WORKSHOP
Towards the 2030 Agenda: UN Charter Challenges

The workshop aims to enhance governmental officials’ understanding of the United Nations Charter. As a result, diplomats will be able to more comprehensively and navigate their day-to-day activities with a comprehensive understanding of every aspect of the Charter.

The workshop will cover a historical overview of the UN Charter, including how it was created and for what purposes it was designed. The workshop will work through the different articles of the Charter, explain the importance of certain articles in the United Nations system today, and show how the Charter structured the United Nations as we know it today.

In particular, the workshop will look at the changes to the United Nations Agenda after the adoption of the SDGs.

DURATION: 1/2 DAY

Key Objectives

• Expand understanding of the history of the United Nations Charter;
• Enhance knowledge of all articles of the Charter
• Strengthen understanding of legal underpinnings of the UN.
ORIENTATION COURSE

Human Rights and the SDGs

In contrast to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), which addressed a relatively narrow set of economic and social issues, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted on 25 September 2015 by the General Assembly, encompasses a wide range of interlocking issues spanning over 17 goals and 169 targets. In another significant difference with the MDGs, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are explicitly “grounded in the UN Charter, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, international human rights treaties” and other instruments, including the Declaration on the Right to Development.

Bearing in mind that the SDGs aim to “realize the rights of all” and stress the “responsibilities of all States...to respect, protect and promote human rights and fundamental freedoms for all....” this course explores the specific connections between the SDGs targets and human rights instruments and standards.

**DURATION: 1 DAY**

**Key Components**

- Seek to delineate the legal nature of the 2030 Agenda;
- Identify human rights standards which are not explicitly addressed by the SDGs (for instance civil and political rights, climate change);
- Examine the enforceability of the SDGs from a human rights perspective.
PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE WE WANT
Training Series for the QCPR 2020

The Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review (QCPR) is the mechanism through which the General Assembly assesses the effectiveness, efficiency, coherence and impact of UN operational activities for development and establishes system-wide policy orientations for operational activities for development and country-level modalities of the UN development system.

The 2020 QCPR process presents an important opportunity for Member States to engage in a dialogue on how to adapt UN operational activities for development to the changing global development landscape and the new 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.

To facilitate the QCPR process, the Secretary-General undertakes in-depth analysis informed by the work of UN entities at headquarters and in the field, as well as programme country governments, which is presented in an annual report. The 2020 Secretary-General’s report on QCPR will assess progress in implementation of the 2016 QCPR resolution and point the way for a strategic and focused QCPR to be adopted in 2020. Additional information is available at https://www.un.org/ecosoc/en/oas-qcpr.

Key Objectives

- Understand the longer-term positioning of the UN development system
- Understand the relations between the UN development system and the SDG implementation in targeted countries
- Understand the funding for the UN operational activities for development

6 MODULES, DURATION OF 1/2 DAY EACH
ORIENTATION COURSE
Drafting Skills and Report Writing

The course on report writing is aimed at helping diplomats new and experienced to the UN system with writing effective reports. Doing so will include the developing a reliable process, finding a voice, crafting reports, and understanding the language of UN reports.

By understanding the parts of different reports, who the audience is, and what subject is supposed to be covered, the participants will become better writers and more informed consumers of diplomatic reports, able to navigate through them with ease to find what information they require.

This course aims to help novice speechwriters and seasoned scribes alike to create compelling material, develop a reliable process, find a speechwriting voice, craft excellent speeches – and become a more informed consumer of diplomatic rhetoric in the process.

**DURATION: 1 DAY**

**Key Components**

- To become better report writers through informed practice
- Apply criteria of good report writing
- Discover and navigate challenges to report writing
- Learn the basic techniques of effective language
- Learn to navigate a report structure
Lecture Series

- International Migration and the SDGS
- Democratic Governance and Development (Democracy Building)
- Climate Change and the Future of the Paris Agreement
- Behavioral Insights
Orderly and humane governance of international migration is widely recognized as essential for States as for the persons affected. In pursuing this objective, States of destination and origin have the responsibility to protect the human rights of migrants and nationals, and to take into consideration the interests of both, within the parameters set by international principles, standards and norms (globally referred to as International Migration Law or “IML”). What is more, the significance of migration to furthering development goals is well reflected in the SDGs whose targets include promoting better migration governance, protecting the rights of migrant workers, countering human trafficking, and reducing migration costs, to name a few.

This seminar’s objectives are two-fold: first, to improve participants’ understanding of international migration law; and second, to glean the legal, policy and programmatic implications of migration as a motor for development in the context of implementing the SDGs.

Key Objectives

- Learn about the root causes of displacement and migration;
- Discuss the interplay between state sovereignty issues and humanitarian crises in migration;
- Prepare to create a framework to aid and care for future displaced people.
SEMINAR COURSE

Democratic Governance and Development (Democracy Building)

This seminar aims at producing critical thinking on the role of the United Nations system in the area of democracy building. Recent negotiations on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the United Nations have shown the sensitivities expressed by Member States with respect to such issues as democracy, human rights and the rule of law in the face of old and new threats to peace & security and development alike, as developments over the last few years have testified to an increasingly complicated situation for democracy building.

The seminar will focus on policy guidance adopted by the UN and its impact on the ground. Beside the analysis of relevant UN resolutions and declarations, the seminar will assess how UN action is influenced and shaped by the main priority areas of the broad field of democracy building like electoral assistance, constitutional reforms, the strengthening of the judiciary, parliaments, political parties and civil society actors, the role of the media, the political participation representation of women, the engagement of the youth and the measures aimed at addressing all forms of exclusion.

DURATION: 1 DAY

Key Objectives

• Gain an in-depth understanding of the potential and challenges of UN's engagement and action in the field of democracy assistance;

• Clearly articulate the main democracy-related policy issues emerging in current UN mandates and policy debates;

• Critically assess recent analyses produced by social scientists and practitioners, and to reflect on the main lessons drawn from selected case studies of UN action on the ground.
LECTURE
Climate Change and the Future of the Paris Agreement

In December 2015, countries adopted the Paris Agreement on climate change. For the first time, 195 Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) pledged to curb emissions, strengthen resilience and joined to take common climate action. This followed two weeks of negotiations at the United Nations climate change conference.

Overall, this lecture aims to discuss on the implications on the agreement made in Paris. What impact this new agreement will have in the achievement of the SDGs? What challenges rise ahead for the implementation of the new climate change commitments? What efforts do countries have to face in order to mitigate and adapt to the effects of climate change? Also discussed will be the treaty frameworks required to successfully implement and track adherence to stated goals.

**Key Objectives**

- Discuss on the impact of the climate deal and its meaning for the world;
- Reflect on the necessary efforts countries will need to take to achieve the commitments;
- Deliberate on the financial frameworks needed to implement the agreement in develop and developing countries;
- Consider the share of responsibility between developed and developing countries to implementation all the commitments made in the climate change agreement;
- Analyze the importance of this agreement for the achievement of the rest of the goals in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

**DURATION: 1/2 DAY**
In January 2016, Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon engaged the first-ever Behavioral Science Advisor to the United Nations as a way to bring together behavioral science insights to the forefront of policy making and programming. The UN Secretariat and the United Nations Development Programme Innovation Facility launched a small team of behavioral science experts known as the UN Behavioral Initiative. By translation and application of behavioral science insights, the United Nations Behavioral Initiative is improving performance management to be more effective and efficient, significantly impacting programme outcomes.

The purpose of this lecture aims for a better understanding in achieving better outcomes when approaching development challenges with behavioral insights. Behavioral Insights lead to better diagnoses of problems and to better designed solutions through research findings from psychology, economics and neuroscience.

Key Objectives
- To raise awareness of behavioral insights and their usefulness for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);
- To build participants' understanding of common biases and barriers to optimal decision making;
- To build knowledge of tools in the Behavioral Insights toolbox;
- To encourage evidence-based mindsets for the critical decision making.

DURATION: 1/2 DAY
SEMINAR COURSE

Please join leading scholars from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies for an engaging seminar on some of our most pressing global environmental challenges — and potential concrete solutions as spelled out in the new Yale book (edited by Daniel Esty), *A Better Planet: 40 Big Ideas for a Sustainable Future*. This educational event will include a panel discussion with a diverse set of speakers on a wide range of pathways to a sustainable future including law, policy, business, science, and multilateral agreements. The seminar will focus on various ways to advance sustainability through actionable strategies based on rigorous analytical research. Speakers for this event have recently contributed their cutting-edge thinking to the Yale Environmental Dialogue, which provides a platform for debating sustainable solutions. Diplomats and Delegates of the United Nations are invited to join in the discourse for what will be a stimulating and thought-provoking event on global sustainability.

Professor Dan Esty of the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, Yale Law School, and Yale School of Management will deliver the event's keynote address. Professor Esty has served in several senior positions in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and as Connecticut's Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection (2011-14). He is the founding director of the Yale Center for Environmental Law and Policy and has published 12 books on issues connecting energy, environment, sustainability and development.

**Key Objectives**

- Understanding of important environmental challenges,
- Applying a multidisciplinary, "systems thinking", approach to responding to a range of energy, environmental, and sustainability issues;
- Pathways for global cooperation towards a more sustainable future.

**Duration:** 1/2 Day
Special Series

- Columbia Law School Series: Conflict Resolution, Mediation and Negotiation
- Global Diplomacy Initiative: Special Programme for International Students
- Cybersecurity and Information Technology Series
Presenters Include:

- Ms. Alexandra Carter, Clinical Professor of Law and the Director of the Mediation Clinic at Columbia Law School.
COURSE SERIES

Columbia Law School 2020 Series: Conflict Resolution, Mediation and Negotiation

Columbia Law School and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) are pleased to announce the third series of workshops on Conflict Resolution, Mediation and Negotiation.

The workshops will deliver the most rigorous, intellectually engaging, interactive, custom programming for United Nations diplomats. Our individual day-long courses will leverage Columbia’s unparalleled strength in the area of conflict resolution, weaving it in with skills building programming that acknowledges the 2030 Agenda and Sustainable Development Goals.

The programs are designed for delegates at any level who wish to achieve mastery of negotiation, mediation and multilateral conflict resolution processes, and implement them toward solving the world's most difficult problems.

COURSES OFFERED:

- Negotiation to Lead
- Designing Multi-Tiered Conflict Resolution
- Mediation and Human Rights
- Women in Peace, Mediation and Negotiation
- Women Peace and Security: Achieving Gender Equity in Conflict Resolution
- Conflict Resolution for Environmental Protection

DURATION: 1 DAY EACH

Key Components

- Innovative, multidisciplinary teaching at an equivalent level to that seen in Columbia University and Columbia Law School degree programs
- Access to the best Columbia Law School faculty and experts
- Interactive exercises with individual coaching toward greater skills mastery
- Rigorous programs delivering the latest in theory toward achievement of the 2030 Agenda and Sustainable Development Goals
COURSE SERIES

Global Diplomacy Initiative: Special Programme for International Students

UNITAR Global Diplomacy Initiative programme provides a rare opportunity for students to learn about diplomacy from diplomats themselves. Although there is no shortage of courses on global politics and policies, few (if any) provide this education in the context of first-hand experience – experience the United Nations is uniquely situated to provide.

Through this method students will gain an understanding of current global issues, and of the shaping of things to come - on the scene, as they happen. The instructors will be current UN ambassadors, diplomats and delegates, with material covering a range of global issues from the past, present and future. In keeping with the spirit of this “real-world” learning methodology, courses will blend classroom instruction with observation of UN General Assembly sessions and other UN forums. Students will develop a global political perspective through a first-hand look at the modern statecraft.

Befitting the mindset of global diplomacy, students will be encouraged to think collaboratively, creatively and critically. These skills will be applied to various mechanisms of diplomacy, the media discourse and the responsibilities of being part of the global community, ultimately with the goal of developing more socially aware and politically active students. Spaces are limited, and a selection process will take place.

**Key Objectives**

- Better understand the work of the UN
- Discuss the SDGs and the 2030 Agenda
- Learn from individuals who have experience in the field of diplomacy
- Attend and experience events in the UN

**DURATION:** 10 – 12 WEEKS
As a global society, we have the technology, resources and the know-how to make a massive difference to living standards everywhere…

—Secretary-General António Gutteres
WORKSHOP
Cybersecurity and Information Technology Series

Information and communication technologies (ICTs) are huge carriers of opportunities for economic and social development, but they also introduce new threats for international peace and security. In today’s world, public institutions, private entities as well as individuals must be prepared to manage and defend against cyber-security related risks. Building confidence, security and stability in cyberspace is essential so that the international community can take full advantage of the potentials offered through the digital space.

The main goal of the course is to offer a platform for diplomats from Member States to become familiar with the basic principles and best practices of cybersecurity in order to put in place adequate measures for protection. Their conceptual and practical understanding of cyberspace will be strengthened, and their ability to formulate policies, strategies, and governance structures to address challenges related with cyberspace.

They will be given an overview of the principles and developments underlying international security issues in cyberspace, including the state of the practice and strategies for the future. Program content includes lectures, highly interactive discussions, and case studies related to:

- Introduction to information security basics, understanding of disruptive technologies and existing threats
- The global cyber security background and context, including overview of existing global and regional processes
- Cyber Security & International Law (Norms of Responsible State Behavior in Cyber space, GGE)
- Ethics in Cyberspace (Privacy, Intellectual Property, Freedom of Speech, Internet Fraud, Cyber harassment and cyber bulling, cybercrimes)
- Cyber Risk Identification, Assurance and Resilience (frameworks for measuring risks and basics of cybersecurity resource allocation)
- Cyber security governance framework (with elements of guidelines for building National Cyber Security Strategy, with examples of good practices)

DURATION: 1 DAY EACH
E-Learning
OFFERINGS BY UNITAR NEW YORK OFFICE

E-LEARNING COURSE
Business and the 2030 Agenda: Working Together Towards a Sustainable Future

OVERVIEW & OBJECTIVES:
This course provides participants with an understanding of why the United Nations and the business community are vital to each other to obtain the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Key Objectives
- An appreciation of the multidimensional context within which leaders must exercise ethical leadership to achieve the SDGs;
- Equip participants with practical skills to enhance individual negotiation capacity;
- Deepen participants’ knowledge and understanding of the multiple connections between mechanisms of preventive diplomacy, multilateral negotiation, and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

DURATION: SELF PACED
E-LEARNING COURSE
Achieving Peace, Preventative Diplomacy, Multilateral Negotiation, and Mediation: A Road to a Call for Peace

OVERVIEW & OBJECTIVES: This course provides nuanced understandings on the international discourse, agendas, and the diverse environments that underlie the foundation for the multilateral negotiations on the United Nations level.

DURATION: SELF PACE

These courses would include case-study reviews, interactive videos, team collaborations, instructor-led exercises and diverse study resources which comprehensively cover issues related to the global ecosystem, gender rights; resource development; multilateralism, international politics; poverty eradication; water and sanitation; food security and nutrition; social, economic and environmental development.

Participants would be granted a Certificate of Participation at the conclusion of the courses.

E-LEARNING COURSE
Leading with Ethics in Achieving the SDGs

OVERVIEW & OBJECTIVES: This is an online course that will assist decision-makers foster the character traits and develop the durable skills necessary for SDG Leadership, through exploring techniques used by ethical leaders and seminal leadership scholars in order to prepare participants to handle various ethical issues and conflicts related to the achievement of the SDGs.

DURATION: SELF PACE
WORKSHOP
Trees for the Future

Trees for the Future (TREES) is ending hunger and extreme poverty for farmers in developing nations working in the intersection of poverty alleviation and sustainable agriculture. Through a series of fast-paced, interactive sessions, participants will learn both key agroforestry techniques and training facilitation skills. The workshops will build on each other and cover training best practices and facilitation techniques, tree seedling propagation, agroforestry design, fruit tree propagation, soil conservation techniques, perma-gardening, as well as gardening for both household food security and markets.

DURATION: 2 DAYS

WORKSHOP
Woman Forward International

Client-Based Research Presentations at the United Nations contributing to the Advancement of Women and Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

In collaboration with UNITAR, Women Forward International will be hosting three events over two days. The events with WFI will focus on systemic change in international affairs education, reorienting research towards the principals of unity, collaboration, and service. This unique partnership will contribute to behavioral changes that advance women to advance humanity. WFI uses the reflective power of art to reveal and investigate the underlying cultural issues at stake in a given international relations issue and provide the next generation of leaders a more holistic approach to human relationships.

DURATION: 1 DAY EACH
**COURSE**

**Emerging Ag**

The 2030 Agenda presents an excellent opportunity for the private sector to demonstrate the central role it plays in the eradication of hunger which is encapsulated in Goal 2 - *End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture*. The importance of strong partnerships between sectors and the multilateral systems and the significant role that farmers play in global food security needs to be highlighted and underscored. Sustainable agriculture and farmers must be central to policy decisions that affect food security and nutrition.

Cooperatives can be shared to accelerate the generation of financing for and the investment in programmes and projects that promote the implementation of a number of SDGs, including Goal 1-*No poverty*; Goal 2-*Zero hunger*; Goal 3-*Good health and well-being*; Goal 5-*Gender equality*; and Goal 8-*Decent work and economic growth*, to name just a few.

**DURATION:** 2 DAYS

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**COURSE**

**Demographic Change and Global Development**

The proposed three lectures intend to strengthen the understanding about the centrality of the population for sustainable development as well as about the importance of the effective policy and programmatic approaches for addressing the undesirable demographic trends in order to achieve the SDGs.

All lectures are devoted to different topics but they are logically and conceptually connected. Each lecture can be considered as a stand-alone training event, however, attending the entire cycle allows obtaining a comprehensive view of the evolution of the concept of interconnectedness of population and development; its modern understanding and reflection in the Global Agenda of sustainable development as well as effective ways of addressing challenges.

All three lectures pay special attention to the leadership role and work of the United Nations in shaping the global vision on population and sustainable development and mobilizing the world to address the most pressing problems of humankind.

**DURATION:** 2 DAYS
Tentative Calendar of events for 2020

JANUARY
23  The Work of the Economic and Social Council

FEBRUARY
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Ambassador Sergeyev had been actively involved to resolve the Crimean crisis and the armed conflict in Eastern Ukraine (2013-2016). Yuriy Sergeyev holds a rank of Ambassador of Ukraine (2000). He is a Grand Officer of the State Order of Ukraine “For Merit” (2006).

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Sandy Singer has been an instructor in the United Nations English Language Programme since 2010, where he teaches both English and written communication/report writing courses to diplomats, individual departments at UN Headquarters, and members of permanent missions to the UN. Mr. Singer also teaches both written and oral communication courses for business at Columbia University and John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

Since 2015, he has conducted report writing workshops annually in Oslo, Norway, for the Department of Peace Operations (DPO-UNOCC) and the Joint Mission Analysis Centre (JMAC). He delivered a one-week report writing course in 2018 to Political Affairs Officers at the United Nations Regional Centre for Central Asia (UNRCCA) in Turkmenistan. Mr. Singer holds a B.A. degree from Columbia University in Romance Languages and a Master’s in Applied Linguistics/TESOL from Hunter College (CUNY).

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Permanent Observer of IUCN to the United Nations

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