



Knowledge to lead



Introduction to the United Nations System

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Background

Representatives of governments and from other actors such as international and non-governmental organizations must be able to understand and often work with UN agencies in order to achieve their objectives and advance their interests. As an increasingly globalized world continues to underline the importance of multilateral dialogue and cooperation in confronting this century's challenges, the UN will remain a central forum for progressing ideas and a platform for action. This course aims to provide a historical, political, and analytical framework for liaising more effectively with UN representatives and staff.

Course Objectives

This e-Learning course aims to provide an overview of United Nations and multilateral protocol rules to operate within various diplomatic centres, including Geneva, Nairobi, New York, and Vienna. With the help of interactive online exercises, participants will finish the course with a concrete understanding of specific protocol-related situations.

Expected Results

At the end of the course, participants should be able to:

- Define the UN system's structure and functioning;
- Explain UN's principal organs and their development;
- Identify current and salient issues relevant to the UN;
- Explain a history of the UN system and its predecessors.

Target Audience

The course targets those working in the public or private sector, including entry and mid-level career diplomats, other public-service officials, postgraduate students, and staff from nongovernmental organizations, especially those whose work or studies is linked to the United Nations.

Organization and Methodology

The course will be conducted in English over a six-week period, each week consisting of a module focusing on a different topic of protocol. The course will be delivered via UNITAR's e-Learning platform. This pedagogical tool will help the student meet the course's learning objectives through a self-paced study routine supported by multimedia, optional and required readings, discussion forums, assessment quizzes, and a wealth of other information.

Registration and Course Fees

A fee of 800 USD is applicable to participate in this course. Participants from Least Developed Countries (LDCs) are eligible to apply for a fellowship. Please consult the Multilateral Diplomacy Programme website for more details.

You may register here:

<http://www.unitar.org/mdp/e-learning/registration>

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