Unitar Online Catalogue

Workshop on Digital Diplomacy and Artificial Intelligence

Multilateral Diplomacy

Deadline: 11 Jun 2026

Type:	Workshop
Location:	Geneva, Switzerland
Date:	11 Jun 2026 to 12 Jun 2026 (To be confirmed)
Duration:	2 Days
Thematic Area:	Multilateral Diplomacy
Website:	http://unitar.org/cdt
Price:	$1,000.00
Event Focal Point Email:	diplomacy@unitar.org

BACKGROUND

Digital technologies and Artificial Intelligence (AI) interact with diplomacy along three axes: agency, process and subject matter. This workshop will explore how digital technologies and AI impact and change the agents of diplomacy, including facilitating the participation of new actors in international debates. It will explain how diplomats and other professionals are increasingly using digital technologies and AI in securing their objectives in the international environment, and the challenges and dangers this can bring. Finally the workshop will explore the international problems that digital technologies and AI are generating, including

in the context of cybersecurity and disinformation operations, and the ways in which diplomats and other professionals can use diplomacy to manage these agendas. In this context the workshop will also look at the context created by the geopolitics of digital technologies and AI. The workshop will include practical exercises which will enable the participants to practice the skills and knowledge they have acquired.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the end of the workshop participants will be able to:

- Distinguish key issues at the intersection between diplomacy and technology;
- Explain the relation of cyberspace and geopolitics and its effects on diplomacy;
- Identify concrete ways in which digital technologies, including AI, can support diplomats and diplomacy;
- Identify the main stakeholders and issues of cyberdiplomacy;
- Understanding the opportunities and limitations of using AI in diplomacy.

METHODOLOGY

The course is designed to be interactive and participatory, including various pedagogical tools to enable the participants to function effectively and efficiently in a multilateral environment. The course will be built on four pedagogical pillars: concept learning (lectures and presentations), role-playing (group exercises), experience sharing (roundtable discussions), and exposure to real-world problems and policy choices delegates are confronted with.

TARGETED AUDIENCE

This course is primarily open to:

- Members of Permanent Missions accredited to the United Nations Office in Geneva;
- Delegates of Ministries of Foreign Affairs and other government officials;
- Representatives of international, intergovernmental, and non-governmental organizations and Diplomatic academies;

- Professionals from the private sector.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Insurance Waiver:

By applying to the Workshop on Digital Diplomacy & Artificial Intelligence, all participants confirm that they are aware that the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) does not insure participants for this course. All participants are advised to arrange at their own expense insurance against sickness, accident, permanent or temporary disability, death and third party risk for the period of the meeting including travel time.

Fellowship:

In the case of remaining availability, staff members of Permanent Missions in Geneva may be considered eligible to apply for our fellowship, granting participation in this workshop free of charge. For further information on the application procedure, please contact diplomacy [at] unitar.org (diplomacy[at]unitar[dot]org).

Discount for Eastwest European Institute Alumni:

Alumni from the Eastwest European Institute can benefit from a 10% discount for this training. After you complete your application, kindly send your Eastwest Certificate of Participation to diplomacy [at] unitar.org (diplomacy[at]unitar[dot]org). UNITAR will verify your alumni status and, upon confirmation of the latter, apply the discount.

Certificate:

Participants who have attended all the sessions will receive a certificate of participation.

Networking Event:

To commemorate the completion of the 10th edition of this flagship UNITAR programme, the graduating participants of the Executive Diploma in Diplomatic Practice are invited to a boat cruise and dinner. This special excursion will mark the end of an intensive eight-month learning journey. It is designed to provide a unique, informal diplomatic setting for participants to consolidate their

professional relationships. Informal engagement, relationship-building, and high-level networking are integral to diplomatic practice and multilateral cooperation, rendering this boat trip and dinner a very fitting end to the programme.

Note: The dates are provisional and are subject to change. Participation is on a first-come, first-served basis, and registration will be closed once we have reached the maximum number of participants.

Disclaimer: By submitting an application to this workshop, applicants acknowledge and confirm their commitment to upholding the principles and values of the United Nations and UNITAR. UNITAR maintains a zero-tolerance policy regarding conduct that is incompatible with its mission, including but not limited to abuse of authority, sexual exploitation and abuse, sexual harassment, and all forms of discrimination.