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Workshop on Conference Diplomacy and Multilateral Negotiations

Deadline: 17 Nov 2026

Type:	Workshop
Location:	Geneva, Switzerland
Date:	19 Nov 2026 to 20 Nov 2026 (To be confirmed)
Duration:	2 Days
Thematic Area:	Multilateral Diplomacy and Negotiation
Website:	http://www.unitar.org/cdt
Price:	$1,000.00
Event Focal Point Email:	diplomacy@unitar.org

BACKGROUND

Governments and increasingly other actors such as international and non-governmental organizations use multilateral conferences as a means to achieve important policy objectives. As the number of conferences and meetings has risen considerably over the past twenty years, the number of government officers and other stakeholders involved in conference processes has also increased significantly. While diplomats remain at the center of diplomacy, government officials assigned to line ministries and agencies, as well as staff of intergovernmental organizations and NGOs, are increasingly finding themselves in the role of the multilateral conference delegate.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

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

- Demonstrate a condensed but sound knowledge of the historical background and conceptual framework of Multilateralism and Conference Diplomacy;
- Analyze the resolutions issued by different organs of the United Nations;
- Create a United Nations resolution;
- Evaluate the importance of consultations in the process leading from negotiating to adopting United Nations resolutions through a case study.

METHODOLOGY

The course is designed to be interactive and participatory, including various pedagogical tools to enable the participants to function effectively and efficiently in multilateral conferences. 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. The workshop will also include a one-hour guided tour of the Palais des Nations, offering participants first-hand insight into the institutional setting and working environment of multilateral diplomacy in Geneva, as a valuable practical complement to the training.

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 Conference Diplomacy and Multilateral Negotiations, 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.

Note: 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.