Unitar Online Catalogue

Certificate on Artificial Intelligence and Professional Skills - 5th Edition

Multilateral Diplomacy

Deadline: 5 Nov 2026

Type:	Workshop
Location:	Web-based
Date:	6 Nov 2026 to 27 Nov 2026
Duration:	4 Days
Thematic Area:	Technology, Artificial Intelligence and Digital Policy
Website:	https://unitar.org/sustainable-development-goals/multilateral-diplomacy/our-por...
Price:	$800.00
Event Focal Point Email:	ai.mdp@unitar.org

BACKGROUND

Participants who meet the course participation requirements will receive a UNITAR digital credential, providing a secure, verifiable, and portable record of their participation and engagement.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is rapidly transforming the way institutions, governments, and businesses operate, reshaping professional roles, decision-

making processes, organizational structures, and the skills required to navigate an increasingly digital environment. Alongside these opportunities, the growing use of AI also raises important questions around responsible governance, privacy, accountability, and the effective alignment of AI systems with institutional and societal objectives. For professionals across sectors, developing a practical understanding of AI and its implications has therefore become an increasingly important competency for effective leadership, responsible governance, and professional adaptability.

The **Certificate on Artificial Intelligence and Professional Skills** is a fully online, live-delivered programme designed to provide participants with a practical and multidisciplinary understanding of how AI is transforming professional environments. Through a series of expert-led sessions, the programme examines both the opportunities created by AI and the governance, organizational, and human challenges associated with its growing adoption.

The programme begins by exploring **responsible AI governance**, moving from high-level principles to their practical implementation within organizations and institutions. It then examines the **future of work**, focusing first on how AI is changing professional tasks, responsibilities, and roles, and subsequently on the skills, capabilities, and organizational readiness required to adapt effectively to these transformations. The programme concludes by addressing **AI privacy and alignment**, providing participants with an understanding of key considerations related to data protection, responsible AI deployment, and ensuring that AI systems operate in accordance with intended values, objectives, and safeguards.

With an emphasis on real-world applications rather than technical development, the Certificate is accessible to participants from diverse professional backgrounds. Through interactive discussions, practical examples, case studies, and expert insights, participants will strengthen their ability to critically assess the use of AI, identify its implications for their professional environments, and contribute to its responsible and strategic adoption.

The Certificate will be delivered **fully online in synchronous mode**, enabling participants to engage directly with experts and peers throughout the programme.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- **Understand** core principles of responsible AI and their application in policy and institutional settings
- **Apply** responsible and ethical approaches to AI
- **Address** AI-related risks and privacy challenges
- **Assess** ethical considerations related to AI use, including bias, accountability, and responsible deployment
- **Identify** professional tasks that can be supported, augmented, or partially automated through AI
- **Assess** how the integration of AI may reshape professional roles, responsibilities, and workflows

CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

The programme is designed to accommodate the schedules of working professionals and will be delivered fully online in a live, interactive format. The structure consists of one three-hour module per week over a period of four weeks, allowing participants sufficient time to reflect on concepts and apply them between sessions. **Each session will take place from 14:00 to 17:00 (CET).**

Below is the current programme structure and schedule for the Certificate:

Module 1 — Responsible AI Governance: From Principles to Practice – Friday 06 November
Module 2 — AI sovereignty and data flows– Friday 13 November
Module 3 — AI and the Future of Work: Changing Tasks and Roles – Friday 20 November
Module 4 — AI and the Future of Work: Skills and Readiness – Friday 27 November

TARGETED AUDIENCE

The Certificate is designed for **professionals, policymakers, diplomats, international civil servants, private sector practitioners, and students** seeking to develop a practical understanding of Artificial Intelligence and its implications for professional practice.

No prior technical knowledge of AI is required. The programme is specifically designed to be accessible to participants from diverse professional backgrounds who wish to understand how AI is shaping governance, decision-making, and professional environments.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Kindly note that the Certificate will only take place if the minimum number of participants has been reached.

Fee Reduction (20%) and Scholarships

A limited number of fee reductions (20%) and scholarships will be awarded to exceptional candidates from Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS). Interested applicants should submit their CV for consideration. Please note that individuals working with international or regional organizations are not eligible for this arrangement

Technical Requirements

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