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Paris-Saclay University: 3-Day UN Paris Immersion Programme - January 2027

Multilateral Diplomacy

Deadline: 14 Jan 2027

Type:	Workshop
Location:	Paris, France
Date:	25 Jan 2027 to 28 Jan 2027
Duration:	3 Days
Thematic Area:	Climate Change, , Green Economy and Sustainable Production, , Corporate Sustainability and Responsible Business Conduct, , Peace, Security, Law and Multilateral Diplomacy, , Multilateral Diplomacy and Negotiation, , International Law and Treaty Implementation, , Cross Cutting: Learning, Capacity Development and Leadership, , Youth engagement
Website:	http://www.unitar.org/immersionprogramme
Price:	$1,380.00
Event Focal Point Email:	multilateralism@unitar.org
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BACKGROUND

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) was established in 1963 as an autonomous body within the United Nations with the purpose of enhancing the effectiveness of the work of the UN and its member states.

UNITAR designs and conducts close to 500 different training and knowledge-sharing events per year for some 50,000 beneficiaries worldwide. Participants include diplomats, other government officials, non-governmental representatives, and other stakeholders.

At the heart of UNITAR, the Multilateral Diplomacy Programme Unit (MDPU) delivers training workshops to address the needs of these international actors. MDPU's activities cover a wide range of domains, including training on the UN system and skills development.

EVENT OBJECTIVES

UNITAR designed a 3-day field visit to Paris, offering participants a full immersion into the United Nations' multilateral working environment.

In line with UNITAR's mandate, its main purpose is to enhance participants' knowledge and skills in the area of international affairs and diplomacy. This will empower them to work more effectively and efficiently in any multilateral setting.

UNITAR further intends to strengthen the participants' conviction of the principles enshrined in the UN Charter, especially multilateralism. It lastly aspires to give its participants the opportunity to gain valuable insights into possible future career steps.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The UN Paris Immersion Programme serves to provide an overview of the United Nations. It will help participants build knowledge on international affairs, deliver training in core diplomatic skills and offer activities with Geneva-based agencies. At the end of the Immersion Programme, participants should be able to:

- Explain key components of the United Nations' system and its agencies
- Familiarize oneself with Paris as a city of multilateralism
- Apply core skills and techniques of common diplomatic practice
- Develop critical knowledge for careers in international organizations

- Adapt values and principles enshrined in the United Nations Charter

CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

An experiential learning and professional networking opportunity

Developed within the framework of the partnership between the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and Université Paris-Saclay, the Paris Immersion Programme constitutes an integral component of the **Executive Diploma in Economics, Energy and Development Diplomacy**.

The UN Immersion Programme is primarily designed for students enrolled in the Executive Diploma, complementing their academic curriculum with direct exposure to Paris-based international organizations, diplomatic institutions, policymakers and leading experts. It provides a practical dimension to the programme's academic foundations, allowing participants to engage with the institutional realities of international cooperation, economic governance, energy diplomacy and sustainable development.

Drawing on UNITAR's professional network and institutional partnerships in Paris, the programme offers a balanced combination of expert lectures, practical training workshops, guided institutional visits, career development sessions and professional networking opportunities.

Expert Lectures

UNITAR's professional network across Paris provides opportunities to organize a series of 1–2-hour expert lectures, allowing participants to engage directly with representatives of international organizations, diplomatic missions, public institutions and leading academic establishments. These sessions offer first-hand insights into contemporary multilateral affairs, international cooperation and global policy challenges.

Potential institutional engagements may include representatives from:

- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- International Energy Agency (IEA)
- The World Bank
- French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs

Training Workshops

As part of its core mandate in capacity development, UNITAR delivers a series of face-to-face workshops designed to strengthen participants' practical knowledge and professional competencies. Delivered by experienced practitioners, diplomats and subject-matter experts, these workshops combine theoretical foundations with practical exercises and interactive learning.

Previous programmes have included workshops on:

- International Negotiation and Diplomatic Practice
- Public Speaking and Effective Communication
- Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the 2030 Agenda
- Multilateral Diplomacy and International Cooperation

Guided Institutional Visits

Paris offers a rich institutional and historical landscape, providing participants with opportunities to explore organizations and facilities central to international cooperation, diplomacy and global governance. Through its institutional network, UNITAR can facilitate guided visits and exchanges with relevant institutions, offering participants a closer understanding of their mandates, operations and contributions to international affairs.

Potential visits may include:

- UNESCO Headquarters
- OECD Headquarters
- French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs
- The National Assembly or the French Senate
- Other sites of historical and diplomatic significance

Career Development Sessions

UNITAR also provides a series of 2–3-hour career development sessions designed to help participants navigate professional opportunities within international organizations, diplomatic institutions and the broader multilateral system. These sessions focus on practical guidance, recruitment processes and the competencies required to establish and advance an international career.

Sessions may include:

- Information sessions on internships, entry-level positions and career opportunities within the United Nations system and other international organizations.
- Practical workshops on applying for international positions, preparing applications and developing interview skills in the multilateral context.
- Individual reviews of application materials, including CVs, motivation letters, personal history forms, Inspira profiles and LinkedIn profiles.

Professional Networking and External Participation

Beyond its academic and institutional components, the Paris Immersion Programme offers a valuable opportunity for professional networking and engagement with a wider community of practitioners, experts and professionals working in international affairs.

While the Immersion Programme is primarily designed for students enrolled in the Executive Diploma in Economics, Energy and Development Diplomacy, UNITAR also welcomes expressions of interest from external participants wishing to join selected activities and benefit from this unique learning and networking environment.

External participants will have the opportunity to engage with Executive Diploma students, internationally recognized experts, representatives of international organizations and other professionals working across diplomacy, economics, energy and sustainable development.

This provides an opportunity to broaden professional networks, exchange perspectives across different sectors and backgrounds, and establish meaningful connections within the international community.

Participation by external candidates is subject to availability. As priority will be given to students enrolled in the Executive Diploma, the number of external places will be limited. Registrations from outside the programme will therefore be accepted only where additional capacity is available and will be confirmed by UNITAR following registration review.

METHODOLOGY

Given the diversity of Paris's international and multilateral environment, the Immersion Programme will explore thematic areas aligned with the objectives of

the Executive Diploma in Economics, Energy and Development Diplomacy. These will include international economic cooperation, energy diplomacy, sustainable development, climate change, trade, emerging technologies, peace and security, and global governance.

The Programme will be highly interactive and participatory, combining expert lectures, institutional visits and practical workshops to provide first-hand exposure to diplomats, policymakers and international institutions. Participants will gain practical insights into multilateral diplomacy and the realities of international decision-making.

All programme activities will be conducted in English.

TARGETED AUDIENCE

The Paris Immersion Programme is primarily designed for students enrolled in UNITAR's **Executive Diploma in Economics, Energy and Development Diplomacy**, delivered in partnership with Université Paris-Saclay.

In addition, UNITAR welcomes external participants from diverse professional and academic backgrounds who wish to deepen their understanding of international affairs, multilateral diplomacy and global governance. These may include public sector officials, private sector professionals, representatives of NGOs, think tanks and academia, as well as junior professionals and graduate students.

External participation is subject to availability, with priority given to Executive Diploma students. The number of external places is limited, and registrations will be confirmed by UNITAR only where additional capacity permits.

Upon successful completion of the Immersion Programme, participants will receive a UNITAR certificate of completion.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Programme Organization

UNITAR will be responsible for the overall design, coordination and implementation of the Paris Immersion Programme, in partnership with Université Paris-Saclay. UNITAR will liaise with participants ahead of the activity to ensure

effective preparation and smooth programme delivery.

Application and Selection Process

Participation in the Paris Immersion Programme is primarily reserved for students enrolled in the Executive Diploma in Economics, Energy and Development Diplomacy.

External candidates interested in joining the programme must submit an application for consideration. Selection will be based on the relevance of each candidate's professional or academic profile, their motivation for participating, and the extent to which their background complements the existing Paris-Saclay cohort. Admission will also be subject to the availability of additional places.

Interested candidates are invited to contact UNITAR directly at multilateralism [at] unitar.org (**multilateralism[at]unitar[dot]org**), providing their CV and a brief statement outlining their motivation for joining the programme.

Only selected candidates will receive confirmation of acceptance and subsequent instructions to complete payment. Submitting an application does not guarantee admission or require payment.

Practical Arrangements

Participants are responsible for arranging and covering their own travel to and from Paris, accommodation, daily meals and any applicable visa requirements. UNITAR can support visa applications by providing an official invitation letter where necessary.

UNITAR will provide participants with a welcome package including relevant training materials and entry tickets to selected institutional sites, museums and other programme activities.

For scholarship-related enquiries, please contact multilateralism [at] unitar.org (**multilateralism[at]unitar[dot]org**).

Important Information: Insurance

Please read the following declaration before applying:

"*I understand that the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) does not provide insurance coverage for participants in the above-described activity. I am therefore advised to arrange, at my own expense,*

appropriate insurance against sickness, accident, permanent or temporary disability, death and third-party liability for the duration of the programme, including travel time."